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# Yeltsin Moves to Box In Lawmakers

By Margaret Shapiro

Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — President Boxis N. Yeltsin moved aggressively Thursday to quash continued resistance to his decree disbanding the parliament by shutting down its mass-circulation newspaper, taking over its property, voiding diplomatic passports issued to lawmakers and threatening to close down any local councils that did not heed his order for elections to a new legislature.

At the same time, the Russian leader said he would put his presidency on the line six months after the parliamentary elections that he has scheduled for Dec. 11 and 12. He issued an order setting new presidential elections for June, two years ahead of schedule, and said he intended to run.

Legislators, hunkered down at the parliament, openly defied Mr. Yeltsin's ban, convening a late-night session of Russia's su-

preme legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies. The Congress voted, 635 to 3, to dismiss Mr. Yeltsin and ordered him to either "surrender to the appropriate authorities or leave the country.

A mood of surly anger, directed not only at Mr. Yelisin but also at Western governments supporting him, pervaded the building. His aides said automatic weapons were being distributed among supporters gathered out-

[Gunmen trying to storm the Moscow headquarters of the Commonwealth of Independent States military command killed one policeman and wounded another Thursday night, The Associated Press reported, quoting an press agencies.

The attack was repulsed, and the authorities ordered security stepped up. Itar-Tass and Interfax reported. The Postfactum news agency identified the gunmen as hard-line

army officers who support the parliament. It said the gunmen hoped to be able to use the sophisticated communications network at the military headquarters.]

Russia plunged into a crisis Tuesday when Mr. Yeltsin announced that he was dismissing the parliament, which has been a focal point of conservative opposition to his reform policies. The Supreme Soviet, the legis-lative body that conducts the day-to-day business of government, struck back by vot-ing to impeach him and appointing his vice president, Alexander V. Rutskoi, acting pres-

Although Moscow remained outwardly calm Thursday, the tension level seemed to be rising. Reflecting the political jitters, the Russian ruble plunged nearly 20 percent in value

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An anti-Yeltsin protester tying his party flag to a statue recalling the 1905 uprising against the czar Thursday in Moscow.

# Turmoil Is Ahead, Even if He Prevails

By Fred Hiatt

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> MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin. having ruled out compromise with his conservative opponents in Moscow, may manage to break the political stalemate that has increasingly paralyzed his government in the last two years.

But even in the best circumstances, and despite the fond hopes of Western policymakers, no tactical political victory can assure that Russia will follow a consistently pro-Western, pro-reform path over the coming years, analysts say. Russia's economic problems are too deep-seated, its regional tensions too systemic and its spiritual and ideological compass too disoriented to produce anything but turbulence for some time. While Mr. Yeltsin may run the current parliament out of town, it is wrong to assume that today's deputies oppose his reforms and his accommodations to the West only be-

New York Times Service
JOHANNESBURG -- After a rollicking de-

bate in which white separatists denounced Pres-

ident Frederick W. de Klerk's chief negotiator

as a "despicable traitor" to his race, the South African Parliament on Thursday bowed to the inevitable and approved a law giving blacks

their first official say in the running of the

The legislation authorizes creation of a Transitional Executive Council, including one representative each from all the major political par-

lies and jurisdictions, to oversee Mr. de Klerk's

government in the months leading up to the

The ritual cleared the way for Nelson Man-

dela to call for the lifting of the last nonmilitary

economic sanctions against South Africa. He is

expected to do so in a speech on Friday at the

Passage of the measure was never in doubt

after negotiators from the major black and white political parties approved the draft on

Sept. 7. Parliament is dominated by Mr. de

first universal election in April.

United Nations in New York.

cause they are former Communists or because reforms will burt their personal interests. Under any government, reform will provoke grave opposition, because it is going to be extremely painful for millions of Rus-

This does not mean that only pessimism is warranted. Russia's ability to peacefully

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transform itself has confounded many experts, both here and abroad, since the breakup of the Soviet Union. But even cautious optimism must be founded on a realistic understanding of the immense challenge of recovery from seven decades of totalitarian

"No matter how dramatic the events of Sept. 21 may seem, they are still events at the top," Leonid Batkin, a historian and political observer, said in an interview Thursday. "The whole burden of old problems remains."

South Africa Ratifies Power-Sharing Pact

Klerk's National Party, and functions these days as a glamorized public notary, rubber-stamping decisions taken in the multiparty fo-

The bill was approved, 107 to 36, in the white

House of Assembly, with no defections from Mr. de Klerk's party. It cleared the separate,

largely powerless houses for Indians and

mixed-race legislators without dissent. Blacks

Members of the white separatist Conserva-tive Party seized the occasion for a frenzied

lament of apartheid's demise. During four days

of debate, the Conservatives howled in dismay

at the presence of the Communist Party in the

transitional authority, warned of civil war, and

greeted Roelf Meyer, the chief government ne-gotiator, with shouts of "Traitor!"

"The government has finally put its foot on the path of abdication," said Ferdi Hartzen-

berg, the Conservative Party leader, after the

from the persistent violence in several black

townships, and from the continuing holdout of

Graver concerns about the transition stem

have no representation in Parliament.

On Tuesday, Mr. Yeltsin announced on television that he had finally ruled out compromise with the conservative parliament. He essentially tore up the constitution and unilaterally set elections to a new legislature for Dec. 11 and 12.

Parliament responded a few hours later by stripping Mr. Yeltsin of his powers and installing Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi as acting president. Now, the chairman of the parliament, Rusian I. Khasbulatov, says that Mr. Yeltsin is a mere private citizen; Mr. Yeltsin says that parliament does not exist.

The 62-year-old president, rid of a Sovietera parliament that automatically seeks to obstruct his every act, might be able to conduct a more coherent policy of economic reform and gradual disarmament. His gov-ernment would enjoy new legitimacy, ending an era in which parliament passed laws, Mr.

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the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party. In-katha has so far refused to accept the planned election date of April 27 or to say whether it will

take a seat on the transitional anthonity. Man-

gosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, has de-

manded negotiators first agree to entreach the powers of KwaZulu, the Zulu homeland he

runs, before elections. The government and the

African National Congress have refused, saying

Mr. Buthelezi is trying to protect his power.

When it comes into existence, possibly by the

end of October, the transitional council will be

entitled, with agreement of 75 or 80 percent of

the participants, to override almost any govern-ment decision it decides could effect the fair-

It is to supervise the conduct of the elections

# Sydney Beats Out Beijing For the 2000 Olympics

By Ian Thomsen

MONTE CARLO - Sydney was awarded the 2000 Summer Olympics on Thursday night when a slim majority diverted the International Olympic Committee away from the awesome

Orympic Committee away from the awesome responsibility of sending the Games to Beijing Long considered the favorite among the five candidate cities — Sydney, Berlin, Istanbul, Manchester and Beijing —Sydney recently lost momentum as an ambitious IOC bloc rallied behind Beijing. In the new millenium, they envisioned the Olympic movement as a lever for opening the world's largest country, socially and economically. Ultimately their zeal enlivened those IOC conservatives unwilling to entrust the Olympic ideal to a government responsible for the 1989 bloody crackdown outside of Tiananmen Square.

Sydney did not overtake China until the final round. After two ballots, Beijing held a firm 37to-30 advantage over the Australians, but European support turned the election. Berlin and Manchester were eliminated in the second and third rounds, liberating 20 votes. Sydney gained 15 votes after those rounds. The final result was 45 votes for Sydney and 43 for Beijing. With the exception of three members overseeing the elec-tion, the voters did not know the standings until the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, opened an envelope and announced the winner

David Sikhulumi Sibandze, Swaziland's IOC member, left the election after two rounds. That gave rise to speculation of a protest abstention, but one of Mr. Sibandze's colleagues on the executive committee told Agence France

2000 Olympics



Fireworks over the harbor started the festivities. Page 19

Sydney's bid was judged technically superior by the IOC, and indeed it was the salest of all the options. Its only negative aspect was Sydney's distance from major population centers, which it answered by promising to finance the round-trip air fares of all Olympic athletes, officials and athletic equipment.

The members preferred Sydney because it was a candidate which presented no problems, said Primo Nebiolo of Italy, who is an IOC member. "It was easier for them to make this decision than to face the prospects of dealing with a big country like China, its population, its

ession contributed to feelings that the committee would be impervious to world opinion against China's bid. The IOC seemed willing to link itself to Beijing without considering Chi-na's record on human rights. Indeed, a resolution by the U.S. House denouncing China's bid on the basis of human rights was criticized by the IOC as political interference and reportedly succeeded in rallying votes for Beijing.

Although the German and Turkish bids were also divisive politically, little in the way of public debate was permitted in the streets here. The police told Tibetans that they could not

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Australian delegation members rejoicing Thursday in Monaco after the aunouncement.

of Americans in favor of the plan and a more ton, and urged quick negotiations. Bob Doke of

# Clinton on Health: 'Most Urgent Priority'

Paul F. Horvitz Herald Tribus

WASHINGTON -- President Bill Clinton launched the most important campaign of his presidency Thursday, seeking to raily the country behind a sweeping plan to guarantee health insurance to all Americans and control sharply

Mr. Clinton and the leading officials of his administration fanned out to television studios and hospitals across the country to persuade a hopeful but wary public that, with few new taxes, it can have the kind of universal health protection that other industrialized nations have enjoyed for decades.

Not since national retirement benefits were guaranteed under Social Security more than half a century ago has a U.S. president presented such an ambitious social welfare reform

In a 53-minute, nationally televised speech to Congress on Wednesday, Mr. Clinton cajoled, pleaded, lectured and sometimes castigated as he presented the pillars of a health plan aimed at bringing insurance to 37 million Americans. He called American health care "the costliest and most wasteful system on the face of the

Earth" and termed its reform the nation's "most urgent priority" and "the challenge of Overnight surveys showed around 55 percent to see it work. Mr. Clinton's speech also launched what

promises to be a titanic economic battle in among lobbyists for insurance companies, doctors, laboratories, hospitals, drug companies, and every other element of a health care industry that gobbles up more of the U.S. economy than in any other wealthy nation. Keenly aware of this, the president warned Americans to beware of "scare tactics."

Mr. Clinton announced that he would tax

tobacco products and any big corporation that opts to remain outside the new national plan. There have been hints that alcohol will also be taxed. But no figures were given, and critics demanded details

On Thursday, Mr. Clinton was host at a raily of supporters at the White House before flying to Florida for a televised "town hall" meeting on health reform.

An official Republican response to the Democratic president's program accepted only its broadest outline while attacking it as a tax-heavy system that will "devastate" job creation and bring "national price fixing" and "frightening" bureaucratic control to personal health

Republican leaders, however, emphasized their willingness to compromise with Mr. Clin-

substantial majority willing to make sacrifices Kansas, leader of the minority Republicans in the Senate, called the plan "a little overgenerous and underfunded.

Despite the political hurdles, the White House is counting on the power of a growing national consensus behind health reform to push Congress toward enactment of legislation in mid- to late-1994. Already, Mr. Clinton has achieved accord on something none of his pre-decessors had achieved: Republican agreement that all Americans, rich and poor, have a right See CLINTON, Page 3

**Clinton's Health Card** 

To win enactment of his plan, Clinton must keep the focus on big issues. For consumers, the plan

president meant by his

'talented navigator.'

would create a surpris-ingly simple world. Congress reacted with unusual support. The hard part comes later. Everyone knew what the

# Kiosk

## Firefight Follows an Attack by IRA

BELFAST (Reuters) — British soldiers fought a fierce gun battle with three IRA gunmen who tried to shoot down an army helicopter at a military base in Northern Ireland on Thursday, security sources and

**General News** 

Israel's parliament approved the peace accord with the PLO by 61 to 50. Page 2.

A former GI returns to Vietnam's tunnels of war and seedy beaches. **Business/Finance** 

and to organize a new peacekeeping force drawn from the existing police and guerrilla armies of anti-apartheid organizations. GPA canceled \$7.7 billion of aircraft orders as part of an accord with creditors. Page 13. Viacom sued QVC Network and its allies to The white-controlled Parliament is schedstop their rival bid for Paramount. Page 13. uled to meet once more, in November, to adopt South Korea plans to expand its budget by an interim constitution still being written by negotiators. With that act, it will effectively 14 percent to bolster its economy. Page 17.

fire as it was taking off from the base near the border with the Irish Republic. The crew escaped unburt and there were no casualties in the ensuing shooting. The IRA gunmen

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# Honecker, 81 and Ill, Quietly Lives Out a Secluded Life in Chile Socialist and Communist Chileans, many of them given asylum by Mr. Honecker in the today if he could." was ousted from power. He'd still be there tion Mr. Honecker fied to the Chilean Embassion.

have voted itself out of business

ness of the elections.

By Nathaniel C. Nash

New York Times Service SANTIAGO - He used to take walks in the quiet mornings through his tree-lined Santiago neighborhood, but in June they stopped, friends say, because of the Southern Hemi-

sphere's winter. · When he arrived in January, there was immense press attention, but his only public statement was on arrival at the airport, and reporters no longer congregate outside the high-

walled condominium compound where he lives. Erich Honecker, the former Communist strongman who ruled East Germany for more than 20 years and ordered the death of those trying to escape to the West, is living out his

days in Chile. Now 81 and with liver cancer, he could live a few months or even a few years, doctors say.

Friends say that on getting up in the morning he works on his memoirs. He draws a pension of almost \$500 a month, from the 14 years he worked as a roofer in Saarbrücken before being arrested by the Nazis.

But though he stays out of the public's attention, Mr. Honecker has nonetheless become a symbol of the contradictions and complexities in this society as it struggles to come to grips with the socialist experiment under President Salvador Allende and the 17 years of military dictatorship under General Augusto Pinochet that ended when the country returned to civilian government in March 1990.

Pinochet era, have to reconcile opposition to a rightist dictator with their support for a leftist

dictator who brutally oppressed his opponents.

For supporters of General Pinochet who are still troubled by the legacy of the years when more than 2,000 leftists were killed or made to disappear," Mr. Honecker's presence in Chile is a kind of salve for their conscience.

"When the left cries about Pinochet," said Domingo Arteaga, secretary-general of the rightist Independent Democratic Union, "we say: 'You're the ones who have a dictator here. Pinochet stepped down from power after being defeated in an election. He willingly ceded power at the request of the people. Honecker

Others are more conciliatory. "Honecker represents an attempt to deal peacefully with the past, accepting an old man who for many was a protector and for others was a tyrant, and saying the past is over, let him die in peace." said Genaro Arriagada, secretary-general of the Christian Democratic Party. "We know from our experience in Chile, there is no real justice in cases like this. There is revenge, but that is not what people really want."

After the fall of his government in 1989, Mr. Honecker fled to Moscow under the protection of Mikhail S. Gorbachev, then the Soviet leader. When a German court requested his extradi-

Two reasons for choosing Chile were that his daughter is married to a Chilean Communist, and he protected more than 4,000 Chilean left-

ists in the 1970s. It was a touchy diplomatic maneuver for President Patricio Aylwin, because his government coalition includes the Socialist Party. But the government eventually gave in to German pressure, and Mr. Honecker was returned to Berlin to face trial. In January the charges against him were dismissed because of age and

"Asylum was not an issue because Honecker See EXILE, Page 6

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# **U.S. Proposes A Novel Deal** To Japanese

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO-In a novel initiative to correct the imbalance in its technological trade with Japan, the Chinton administration has proposed to aid Tokyo in building a missile defense system in exchange for access to advanced commercial technologies that could help American indus-

The unusual proposal, described to Japanese officials here by a senior Pentagon official, appears to represent the first time that the United States has offered to trade the fruits of its military research and development projects for technology that would be used primarily in nonmilitary fields.

"This is part of a larger initiative," said the official, John M. Deutch, who is undersecretary of defense for acquisition and technology. "One of the dangers for our national security is from economic weakness. We are actively looking for ways to use defense to encourage dual-use technology that serves military and civilian pur-

For years the Defense Department has been criticized for transferring vast amounts of know-how to Japan — particularly in the building of aircraft, ships and other military technology that Japan produces under license - and receiving very little in return. But it was unclear how the Japanese government would react to Mr. Deutch's proposal, which he called "new and adventuresome," and which he said would

The immediate issue for the Japanese is the building of a missile-defense system able to detect and intercept a new generation of mis-siles being constructed by North Korea. The North tested its new missile, the Rodong-1, this summer, and the Pentagon has done little to

take some "patience" to negotiate,

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# Knesset Approves Accord With PLO

## 61-50 Vote Will Help Rabin **Resist Calls for New Elections**

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service
JERUSALEM — The Israeli parliament on Thursday voted to approve the landmark accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization that will begin to phase out the 26-year military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and transfer control for government to

The vote was 61 to 50, with 8 members abstaining and one absent. The margin in the 120-member parliament was a solid victory for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and it suggests he can now avoid demands for a national referendum or new elections.

But the vote was another setback for the main opposition party, Li-kud. Although its leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, had attempted to impose party discipline on its members, three of them defied him and abstained rather than vote against the accord

The rightist opposition had condemned the agreement, saying it would lead to a Palestinian state threatening Israel's population centers. But supporters of the agreement said that it could begin to resolve the hundred years of con-flict between Arabs and Jews over

"The era of conflict is over," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in a closing speech that elicited howls of derision from the opposition. "What is the alternative, to close the door and say there is no peace? To return to the intifada and

As the parliament debated the accord over the last three days, several thousand protesters have staged demonstrations outside, many of them Jewish settlers from the West Bank and Gaza. Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the agreement would abandon

"Our best sons will be turned into prisoners and hostages within a non-Jewish population," said Mr. Shamir, whose government had championed the settlement of the West Bank, home to 1.1 million Arabs and about 110,000 Jewish

"There is only one way to save us," Mr. Shamir said. "Direct elections at this hour could give the people time to open their eyes, re-Mr. Peres, in the final speech,

attacked the former Likud prime minister. "You did nothing! You did not bring peace!" he declared. He also attempted to focus on the Gaza Strip, which most Israelis would like to get rid of. Under the agreement, Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho will be the incubators for Palestinian government, which later is to expand to the rest of the West Bank. Mr. Peres said that Israel could

not rebuild Gaza or help its nearly one million people.

"Density leads to vio said. "Poverty gives birth to terror-

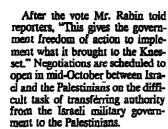
"That is your Gaza," he added, "the refugee camps, the poverty, the shame to all of us."

Just before the vote, a small ultraorthodox party, Shas, an-nounced that five of its six members would abstain, and the sixth was overseas. The party has been part of Mr. Rabin's coalition, but its spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, had wavered for more than a week. The decision to abstain came after Rabbi Yosef met with Mr.

Rabin on Thursday. Arye Deri, leader of Shas, announced that Rabbi Yosef had instructed the party that "you cannot vote against an opportunity and a process that will open a new page toward decreasing the threat to Is-rael. However, Mr. Deri added, the party also had too many "trepidations and suspicions" about the

agreement to support it. Mr. Deri, a dove, was until recently a cabinet minister, and had given the accord his strong support when it originally was brought be-fore the cabinet. He resigned his post as interior minister because of a corruption scandal.

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The accord calls for a withdrawal of Israeli troops first in Gaza and Jericho, and later for the Israeli soldiers in the remainder of the West Bank to be redeployed away from Arab population centers. Within nine months, a Palestinian elected council is to take office and assume responsibility for most gov



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at the close of the debate in the Knesset on Thursday. He declared that "the era of conflict is over."

#### Israeli Troops Oust Settlers In West Bank

BEIT EL, Israeli-Occupied West Bank -- Israeli troops on Thursday dragged away na-tionalist Jews who were trying to start a settlement in the West Bank to protest the peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The soldiers arrived at a hill

overlooking the settlement of Beit El near Ramallah and tried to remove tractors clearing land, a photographer said.
About 60 settlers, reciting prayers, refused to leave. The

diers dragged them off the land and arrested some. More than 100,000 Jewish settlers who have moved to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip over the past 26 years are among the staunchest opponents of last week's agreement between Israel and the Pales-

tine Liberation Organization for limited Palestinian selfrule in the occupied territories. The settlers, many from Beit El, put up a fence around the hilltop and cleared some land to set up a tent before the army arrived. They said they wanted to prevent Palestinians from sitting above their settlement.

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Albright, also stressed that the

president was not relinquishing his

authority to commit U.S. forces

unilaterally "to protect our nation's

territory, people and way of life."

Mrs. Albright sociled the admin-

istration's position in a speech at

the National War College as part of a top-level effort to clarify U.S.

foreign policy and promote it as

On Monday, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher outlined

U.S. hopes to raise billions of dol-

decisive and coherent.

The ambassador, Madeleine K.

a clear mission.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatia told the United Nations on Thursday to set a deadline for disarmin Serbian rebels holding a third of the republic or withdraw peace-keeping forces here by Nov. 30. The Croatian cabinet decided that unless the UN Protection

Force's mandate was changed it would not be extended when it expired on Thursday and 14,000 peacekeepers would have to leave within two months afterward. General Jean Cot, commander

of UN peacekeeping forces throughout former Yugoslavia, said the UN force would not resist if Croatia did not want its presence. "If the mandate is not renewed.

we will leave. We are not here by force, we are here by virtue of the consent of Serbs and Croatians," the French officer said at a news conference at the headquarters of the UN force in Zagreb. The UN secretary-general, Bu-

tros Butros Ghali, said this week that the mission of the peacekeeping force should be extended by six months and a UN Security Council resolution is expected to uphold his

**U.S.** Insists on Clear Mission

For Any Contingent With UN

The Associated Press

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Mrs. Albright said that the ad-

United Nations set out new condi-tions Thursday for using U.S. of enlargement of the world's free

troops in UN peacekeeping operations, saying Americans could nevcies."

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obligations. She said they included:

last five years, a tenfold increase in

budget, and "a dramatic but im-

measurable increase in danger and

complexity," Mrs. Albright said.
There are about 300 U.S. peace-

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And next Monday, Mr. Clinton
will speak to the UN General Asing mission have clear objectives

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United Nations peacekeeping operations are multiplying — with a sevenfold increase in troops in the presence?

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committed U.S. troops to a NATO clear mission, competent com-

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event of a peace agreement in Bos-nia. More than 4,000 U.S. troops the job done," she said.

But Mr. Butros Ghali rebuffed Zagreb's demand for tough action

Bill Clinton's ambassador to the policy of containing the Soviet

speed the return of Serb-held land to Croatian sovereignty.

United Nations troops were deployed in Croatia to enforce a cease-fire in 1992 after Serbs seized one-third of the country and pro-claimed it the Republic of Serb Krajina during Zagreb's war of independence from federal Yugoslavia in 1991.

Mr. Butros Ghali accused Croatia of "wilfully misreading" the UN raison d'être, which he said was to negotiate, not use armed force that could jeopardize the lives of innocent people.

In western Bosnia-Herzegovina, meanwhile, the Mostar Valley was enveloped in clouds of smoke as it came under heavy artillery and infantry fire Thursday, the Tanjug press agency quoted the Serbian military as saying. (Reuters, AFP)

■ 'No Doubt' on MiGs

Stephen Kinzer of The New York Times reported earlier from Zagreb: The Croatian government has been acquiring MiG fighter planes in violation of a United Nations arms embargo, diplomats and military analysts say.

There's no doubt that this is to disarm the Serbs in order to happening," said a diplomat with

Does the proposed peacekeep-

Are the financial and human

Can an "end point" to UN

"Young men and women should

resources to accomplish the mis-

participation be identified?

sion available?

#### Disarm Serbs or Leave, Croatia Tells UN access to intelligence reports. "We designed fighters, and perhaps a have hard information. Our people dozen or more. have hard information. Our people

have been brought in over the last couple of weeks." Attention was focused on the small Croatian Air Force last week after one of its MiGs was shot down during a sortic against Serbi-

an positions in Krajina, a region occupied by Serbian nationalists. The air force was thought to have had just two MiGs, but foreign observers counted four leaving for last week's mission.

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It was unclear what type of MiGs may have been obtained. But an ambassador in Zagreb said, "Everyone seems to agree that these are elderly or middle-aged

At UN headquarters in New York, a diplomat close to the Secu-Council said senior officials he air force was thought to have had been informed earlier this month of Croatia's apparent violation of the 1991 embargo, which applies to all six of the republics that were in the Yugoslav federation.

# Joint Chiefs Nominee Supports Deployment

WASHINGTON -- General John M. Shalikashvili, President Bill Clinton's choice to be the top officer of the armed forces, has given strong support for sending 25,000 American troops to Bosnia-Herzegovnia to help enforce any peace settlement reached there, but he said the overall operation would cost \$4 billion in the first year

He said in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee that a force of 50,000 heavily armed NATO troops would have a good chance of success in such a mission, if the proper command structure was established and the warring factions committed them-

General Shalikashvili, a Polish-born artillery officer named to succeed General Colin L. Powell as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also said he had been shocked to learn that his father fought in World War II in a Nazi-organized unit commanded by the Waffen

"I'm deeply saddened that my father had this tragic association," he said in his opening statement on Wednesday. "To me, he was a kind and gentle man, and I loved him very much."

The general, who read his statement in matter-of-fact tones, said that he had learned about the ties only last month from news reports. In his confirmation hearing before the Senate panel, General Shalikashvili countered the skepticism that many senators voiced about American involvement in the Balkans with a strongly argued

"The alternative of not doing so is also very expensive," said General Shalikashvili, who is the current NATO military commander. "There is a likelihood that fighting will break out again, that it will reach sort of a final crescendo."

General Shalikashvili, 57, who directed the relief operation to help the Kurds in northern Iraq after the Gulf War, warned that winter in Saraievo was less than 60 days away and that residents faced harsher

prospects than they did last winter. Women and children and old people will pay an awful price if there is not a peace settlement," he said. His comments stand in contrast to the cautious views of General

Powell, who has warned against military intervention in the fighting Mr. Clinton has promised that the United States would supply

about 25,000 troops to enforce a peace accord, but only if warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims reach a settlement that is enforceable, and Congress approves America's involvement.

Senator Sam Num, Democrat of Georgia, who heads the panel,

#### lars to support the agreement be-tween Israel and the Palestine Lib-At the same time, Mrs. Albright are in Somalia. Also, U.S. forces are likely to be stressed that Mr. Clinton would said that approval of General Shalikashvili's nomination was virtualeration Organization. used to ensure security between Is—not rely on the United Nation Mr. Clinton's national security rael and Syria should the two na—guarantee vital U.S. interests. ly assured, but that a vote by the full Senate might be delayed until the administration named the general's successor at NATO. used to ensure security between Is- not rely on the United Nations to

#### Barge Apparently Hit Trestle Before Train Crash day that they had found a dented SARALAND, Alabama — In-barge near the train wreck, along vestigators believe that a barge lost with damage that appeared to struck the bridge, which crosses a Pena said.

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Amtrak train hurtled off the bridge into a murky bayou. At least 44 people were killed.

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in the fog struck and weakened a match that on a concrete piling

day. Some of the dead were trapped in a submerged, silver passenger car, others in a burned engine.

At least 159 people survived the wreck, the deadliest in Amtrak's 23-year history, said John Ham-merschmidt of the safety board. Three people remained missing early Thursday. All crew members were believed to be in a submerged engine. Divers resumed their search

A large section of the 500-foot bridge collapsed. Investigators were trying to determine whether that happened before the wreck or



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bayou that is not navigable by barges and is just 7 feet above the bridge," Mr. Pena said on TV. But water, an FBI agent, Charles W. he said the captain's radio message Archer, said, "I understand it was did not say that the bridge had

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The U.S. transportation secretary, Federico Pena, said that the towboat captain had radioed shortly before the train to report he was having trouble with fog and had lost his tow. The captain has been to participate with all of the

Asked how the barge might have interviewed by investigators. Mr. agencies seeking to resolve the

been hit. The barge was one of six lashed Gulf Navigation Co., said that the

questions," said the company president, Nicholas J. Barchie. The train's data recorder and the

bodies of the three crew members who had been operating the train remained in the lead locomotive. The train's speed was not imme-diately known, but the limit on that stretch of track was 70 miles an

The train's three locomotives and four of its eight cars, including two passenger cars, went into the swamp, which is home to alligators

#### Jean-René Guerrand Dies, Glenn Souham Hermès Group Executive

PARIS -- Jean-René Guerrand, 89, patriarch of the family that owns the Paris-based Hermes Group, died at his country home near Le Havre on Friday.

Mr. Guerrand joined Hermes in 1926 and remained with the company until his retirement in 1990, He was managing director and vice chairman of the Hermes Group and chief executive officer of Hermès Perfumes.

Hermes was founded in 1837 by nesses and saddles. Mr. Guerrand

Maurice Abravanel, Headed Utah Symphony Orchestra SALT LAKE CITY (NYT) -Maurice Abravanel, 90, a conductor who led a long, colorful interna-tional career and headed the Utah Symphony Orchestra for more than three decades, died here Tuesday.

Best known as the inexhaustible

music director of the Utah Symphony, which he headed from 1947 to 1976, Mr. Abravanci did much to promote 20th-century American Thierry Hermes as a maker of har- and European music, most notably through a series of recordings on was the fourth generation of the the Vanguard label. He is best refamily, the son-in-law of Emile membered for his long association Hermes, who was the grandson of with Kurt Weill and for his recorded cycle of the Mahler symphonies.

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are asked to join his family in prayer and keep in their thoughts Gleon Souham, whose Masses will be held in Paris, Lausanne, New York, N.Y. and Washington D.C. on September 25th, 1993. "You can be sure that Glenn's

spirit of compassion, cooperation and commitment will long be remembered by all who knew

Ronald Reagan President of the United States : of America The White House Washington D.C., October 8, 1986.

#### WORLD BRIEFS

Strafing of Liberian Refugees Kills 5

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Two aircraft strafed and bomber starving refugees lining up for rice on Thursday at a food distribution center in the jungle, a UN official said.

Five people were confirmed killed and 48 wounded. The wounded were to be evacuated by a small UN plane, said Augustine Mahiga, chief of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees mission here. He said it was unclear whose aircraft attacked the crowd of people near a rice distribution. unclear whose aircraft attacked the crowd of people near a rice distribution center in Vahun, a village in northwestern Liberia's upper Lofa

The attack was the most serious violation of a July 25 peace accord aimed at ending a nearly four-year civil war that has killed more than 150,000 people. The Lofa County region was once controlled by forces loyal to the rebel leader Charles Taylor who were pushed out four months ago by another rebel faction loosely allied with the government's army.

#### Pope to Restate Contraception Stance

LONDON (Reuters) — Pope John Paul II will renew his strict stance on birth control in his next encyclical, calling it "intrinsically evil," The Times of London reported Thursday.

The newspaper said he had also restated his opposition to divorce and abortion. But the Pope made no mention of papal infallibility in the text, which could make it more palatable to some Catholics. Concerned that many Catholics have strayed from traditional teachings, the Pope has many description bettle against abortion contraction programmed as constant battle against abortion contraction. waged a constant battle against abortion, contraception, premarital sex

"If acts are intrinsically evil, a good intention of particular circumstance can diminish their evil, but they cannot remove it," it quoted the encyclical as saying. "There have developed certain interpretations of Christian morality which are not consistent with sound teaching."

#### Storms Kill 4 and Ravage Provence

MARSEILLE (Reuters) — Four people died, hundreds of cars were washed away and roads and rail lines were cut as rainstorms ravaged southeast France overnight, emergency services reported Thursday. Hundreds of passengers were stranded at Marseille's airport and its railroad station, and the city's emergency services evacuated hundreds of residents as old stone houses crumbled and rain flooded cellars and shops. In the hardest hit region of Aix-en-Provence, two people drowned

while trying to flee their cars on roads turned into rivers. A man trapped in his car died of a heart attack while being rescued. The engineer of a freight train was killed when the downpour caused his train to derail. A man thought to have been sucked into a sewer was later found unharmed. The storms moved to the Mediterranean island of Corsica on Thursday, closing down the Ajaccio airport, cutting off the railway between Ajaccio and Corte and flooding a power station.

# Sihanouk Goes Home to Be Crowned

PHNOM PENH (AP) - Prince Norodom Sihanouk returned to Cambodia on Thursday to ratify the country's new constitution and ascend the throne, hoping to bring peace to a country wracked by decades

"To be a king again is not important for me, but it's good for Cambodia to be reunited and to achieve consensus — by the people and for the people — by the royal regime where the king reigns but not governs,"

Prince Sihanouk said.

Prince Shanouk, 70, signs the constitution on Friday. The charter was formally adopted Toesday by an assembly elected in a UN-organized poll in May, and provides for a return to monarchy in Cambodia after two decades of conflict. The new constitution provides the legal framework for the Crown Council to elect Prince Sihanouk on Friday. He is to take the oath of king and head of state, then form a new government.

#### North Korea Agrees to Nuclear Talks

VIENNA (AP) - North Korea says it is willing to resume talks on opening its nuclear sites to international inspections, but shows no signs of allowing full inspections anytime soon, a United Nations official said

The North Korean position was put forth in a letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, said the official, Hans-Friedrich

He said that the North Koreans had agreed to resume talks in Vienna after earlier insisting that they be held only in Pyongyang, a condition that the International Atomic Energy Agency had rejected. But Mr. Meyer said that the North Koreaus continued to insist that they would allow only technical visits to maintain monitoring equipment already in

#### German Coal Miners Tie Up Traffic

GELSENKIRCHEN. Germany (Reuters) - Thousands of German coal miners paralyzed traffic at the center of the country's industrial heartland as they continued protests on Thursday against a new plan for widespread job cuts. A spokesman for the workers council at the Hugo/Consolidation pit said that 2,000 miners blocked streets and highways in this Ruhr city.

Anatoli Karpov and Jan Timman agreed to a draw Thursday on the 11th move of the 11th game of the International Chess Federation world championship in Zwolle, Netherlands. Mr. Karpov is ahead in the matek.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

A strike by three employees who arrange group visits to the Musée d'Orsay in Paris threatens to restrict the number of visitors to an exhibition of the celebrated Barnes collection of Impressionist paintings Australia's Qantas Airways won approval for a second weekly service to

South Africa. Qantas already operates a weekly service from Sydney via Perth to Johannesburg. A fresh outbreak of cholera in Calcutta has killed 13 people and affected hundreds in the eastern Indian city, officials said Thursday. The

disease, which has reached epidemic proportions, has spread in the lowlying areas of Calcutta's eastern and northern fringes. Two casino companies in Memphis, Temessee, are seeking to take their operations to the skies. Harrah's and Las Vegas Sky Games International, announced an alliance to explore gaming on long-haul international flights. Creator Capital Inc., the parent company of Sky Games, has

developed a computerized gaming system for airline passengers. The system uses portable laptop units or in-seat video systems. (AP) Luftiansa is canceling its weekly flight from Frankfurt to Douala in Cameroon and Lagos because of Cameroon's demand the airline use a new airport. Cameroon decided in February to oblige all airlines to land once a week at Yaounde airport.

#### Away From Politics

The Department of Energy set off the largest nounsclear explosion ever — 1,450 tous of conventional high explosives — to determine if there are significant differences in the seismic signals generated by nuclear and nonnuclear explosives with the same energy and in the same geologic setting. Observers from 11 countries watched.
 President Lyndon B. Johnson used the fear of nuclear war with the Source Union to recreated how national leaders to mentioned in the

Soviet Union to persuade key national leaders to participate in the Warren Commission investigation into the slaying of John F. Kennedy, newly released White House telephone transcripts show. The records show that Mr. Johnson expressed his worries to Senator Richard B. Russell, a Southern Democratic leader, and Chief Justice Earl Warren that unverified rumors about the involvement of Soviet or Cuban officials in the assassination might push the United States or Cuben orners in the assessmenton ingui push the Olineo. into a war that could "kill 40 million Americans in an hour."

Prosecutors won't bring federal civil rights charges against William Lozano, a Hispanic policeman in Miami acquitted in the slaying of two blacks. The 1989 shooting touched off three days of nots in a

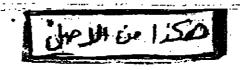
 Pressed for inconsistencies in his testimony in Los Angeles, Lyle Menendez acknowledged that there was no imminent threat to his life when he and his brother, Erik, shot their wealthy parents to death on Aug. 20, 1989. His parents had no gons or other weapons and had not made any direct threats. But they, nonetheless, were convinced they only had seconds to spare before their parents would kill them so they shot first, Lyle said.

Three men have been indicted on charges of defrauding Michigan's budgeting agency of thousands of dollars in a scheme to pay one of them a phony pension, a prosecutor said in Lansing. The man allegedly got 11 pension checks worth a total of \$5,987 before the payments were stopped.

Payments were stopped.

An out-of-court settlement in Rodney G. King's civil suit against the city of Los Angeles appears remote and the matter will likely go to trial in March, according to Los Angeles officials. It was the third major court action involving the 1991 beating by police of Mr. King.

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# STATESIDE / CLINTON'S HEALTH CARD

# Task Ahead: Keep Focus on the Forest, Not the Trees

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton rode to power on the economic anxiety of the middle class and the promise that the government could do something about it. Now he is trying to deliver, pledging a vast new benefit for all Americans symbolized by a newly minted health security card.

in his health care speech and in the political struggle to come, Mr. Clinton hopes to move beyond the contentious details of the health plan and keep the public focused on the fundamentals: the fear of a medical catastrophe, the security of insurance "you can never lose," the promise of a card as tangible and comforting as the first truly national health insurance pro-Social Security card was to the Depression

The idea of a health care overhaul has gained force in political debates over the last five years, breaking through in the 1991 Pennsylvania Senate race and driving much of the 1992 presidential campaign before bringing Mr. Chinton, almost inevitably, to the speech he delivered to a joint

away from Wednesday night's speech is the people always focus on this part or that image of lawmakers. Republican and part that they don't like. And they forget Democratic alike, applanding the broad that we're not trying to invent some new grams easy. Mr. Clinton is trying to do goals set forth by the president, beginning program. We're trying to save ourselves a period of bipartisan work on health care. Irom catastrophe."

B. Johnson and Richard Nixon could not, They hope the lawmakers respond to Mr.:

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

Clinton's gestures of conciliation, to hisplea to make health care a crusade that transcends partisan politics, to his willingness to bend on details in pursuit of the

What the White House fears is a debate that bogs down in mechanics, that turns partisan and parochial, that pushes all the micrest groups that have a stake in what amounts to a seventh of the American economy into blocking one part or another of a sweeping bill, ending in a stalemate. Senator Jay Rockefeller, the West Vir-

What his advisers hope the public carries said: "The problem with legislation is that had Social Security."

The choice, they will argue, is changing the system or remaining with a disastrous status quo. And the debate, they will argue, should not lose sight of the broadest goals

This tension between a yearning for ac-

that are shared by millions of Americans. With some frustration, Mrs. Clinton said selling it with actuarial tables and books of regulations. He basically said, 'Look, here's the deal: You pay in; you're taken care of; you have Social Security in your old age.' If he'd had to have been pressed to the wall. saying, Well, what about the spouse who

session of Congress and to the nation. But ginia Democrat who has worked on the who only worked 20 quarters instead of 24 health issue for years and is a Clinton ally, quarters — I mean we would never have

that they don't like, And they forget that we're not trying to invent some new grams easy. Mr. Clinton is trying to do program. We're trying to save ourselves what Presidents Harry S. Truman, Lyndon from catastroche." This, in fact, will be a central theme from and he is trying to do it when the public is both the president and Hillary Rodham in a quirky and dangerous mood. The public in fact, does see problems on the docare and will continue to lobby for the bill. mestic front, led by the economy and

tion and a doubt that government can truly deliver has become a hallmark of the Clinthis week: "When Franklin Roosevelt pro- ton presidency, and it will be at the center posed Social Security, he didn't go out of the struggle over health care. Mr. Clinton all but glows with his confidence in government to pull off this extraordinary feat; his aides, notably Ira C. Magaziner, have been briefing eagerly and happily on the workings of their plan.

The emotional subtext for all these brief-ings by all these Clintonians is powerful: a

generation of Democrats shut out of power by the 1980s is scaling the Mount Everest of social policy.

They see a nation of consumers, newly informed and empowered, making rational health care choices based on a wealth of data from their health care alliance. It is, in their view, the Clintonian third way neither left nor right, neither governmentrun nor left to the vagaries of an ill-functioning market

But on Capitol Hill, and all over the country, a rough debate is about to begin. The first phase is already clear: can the administration achieve the savings it projects in Medicare and Medicaid spending to finance much of its package? Other flash points are apparent: for all the talk of bipartisan cooperation, can Republicans and Democrats agree on requiring all em-ployers to pay part of their employee's

Is the Clinton blend of market forces and regulatory controls a uniquely American system, as its architects argue, or a hodgepodge, as its critics assert?

# Congress **Applauds Basic Plan**

By Clifford Krauss

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Members of Congress registered strong support for the outlines of President Bill Clinton's plan to recast the nation's health care system, but many legis-lators immediately began to pick fights with details relating to expected increases in taxes and costs to the Treasury.

Republicans and Democrats gave the president repeated standing ovations and appeared to agree that the health care system was too expensive and did not cover everyone who deserved care. More importantly, members of both parties expressed hope that they could approve at least a modest change in the system by late next year.

"It's a great start on a long tough journey," said Senator James M. Jeffords, a moderate Republican from Vermont. "He'll get the public on our backs to get the job

As the president completed his speech, several legislators said it was the best of his presidency, mixing compassionate liberalism with hard-headed market-based solu-

But several fault lines also emerged that may make consensus difficult to reach on issues like comprehensive coverage and cost controls. Some liberal Democrats continued to call for a Canadianstyle system in which a single government agency would make direct payments to health care providers, with no intermediaries. Conservative Republicans, meanwhile, strongly opposed proposals to increase the size of the government

health care bureaucracy. "It was an outstanding call for action," said Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California. "But as I see it there are two deal breakers: How do you control costs and how do you pick up 37 million Americans who have no health in-

surance while you reduce costs?" Senator Ernest F. Hollings, Democrat of South Carolina, seemed to sum up the concerns about the costs of the proposed overhaul when he said, "We're not paying for our entitlements now. we're starting to talk about instituting another entitlement without paying for it."

Most Republicans were sharply critical of the major tenets of the president's plan, although a few offered faint praise. Representative Robert H. Mi-

chel of Illinois, the House Republican leader, congratulated the presi-dent for effectively outlining the need for change.

Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, a Republican skeptic on increasing the role of government in health care, was predictably critical.



Mr. Clinton showing Congress a proposed health security card.

Clinton Shows Off His Handy Health Card

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton held up a palm-sized prop as he introduced his health-care proposals; a prototype of the "health security card" every American would receive if his plan is

"This health security card guarantees you a comprehensive package of benefits that can never be taken away," read the inscription on the back of the card, identical in size to a credit card.

On the front, the words "HEALTH SECURITY" were embla-

zoned across the top, above the national seal featuring a bald eagle. Below that was space for a name and identification number. "A.B. Jones. 123456789" were the name and number embossed on the White House prototype.

During his speech, Mr. Clinton held up the prototype and said:
"With this card, if you lose your job or switch jobs, you're covered. "If you leave your job to start a small business, you're covered. "If you are an early retiree, you're covered. 'If you get sick or a member of your family gets sick, even if it's a

life-threatening illness, you're covered. "And if an insurance company tries to drop you for any reason.

yon'll still be covered — because that will be illegal."

Under Mr. Clinton's plan, every American would get such a card. which would allow the carrier to get health care and the provider to access the carrier's medical records.

(AP)

#### Looking at U.S. Life After the Overhaul

WASHINGTON — The health care industry's speedy growth and sizable profits would be reined in under President Clinton's health plan, accelerating trends already taking place, economists and industry analysts say. But the experts also believe cosporate America as a whole could win from lower medical costs and a healthier work

"The health care community is getting hosed here," said John Sheils, vice president of Lewin/VHI, a health care consulting firm in Fairfax, Virginia. "It's being asked to provide more and more service with less and less money," he said, and this at a time when it has already gone through months of belt-tightening because of pressure from business and government to cut costs.

But even as its overall growth slows, there would be many categories of winners within the \$900 billion health care industry, which employs 10 million people. Spending would shift toward generalists — from family practice doctors and pediatricians to murses and lab technicians — who deliver care for less. Demand for brain surgeons, ophthalmologists and other specialists would decline, and with it their salaries. Uwe E. Reinhardt, a Princeton University economist, estimates that the doctor population of 615,000 is twice what the nation's needs.

The reform package would also accelerate consolidation among the nation's 6,600 hospitals, with predictions that 25 percent — and possibly half - would either close or merge. That would leave many hospital managers out of work, but nurses and even less-skilled workers would likely find employment in clinics and in home care, both areas of expected growth with or without the plan.

It would force a shakeout in the insurance industry, with survivors being those firms that have diminished their emphasis on traditional fee-for-service medical coverage in favor of owning and operating managed care operations such as health maintenance organizations. But HMOs and other managed care plans - which dictate to members what care they can get, where, when and from whom would not fare as well as once expected because Mr. Clinton would limit increases in the premiums they charge.

Thousands of health care underwriters and agents could be out of

work as government-sponsored alliances take over the job of finding insurance coverage for individuals and most companies

America's pharmaceutical industry would gain sales under the plan to include drugs in the standard benefit package every American would get and to Medicare recipients.

The medical industry loss would be corporate America's gain, freeing money that could be spent on other goods and services, a boon to the economy, argnes Wally Maher of Chrysler Corp. (WP)

#### Quote/Unquote

Senator Harris Wofford, Democrat of Pennsylvania: "Clearly, if Israelis and Palestinians can shake hands and make peace in the Middle East, then Democrats and Republicans ought to be able to work together on a sensible health care plan for the American

# For Consumers, Choices à la Carte

WASHINGTON — For all the mind-blurring, quasi-technical talk swirling around President Bill Clinton's health-care proposal, from the consumer's point of view it would create a surprisingly

One plastic medical identification card. One medical claims form.

One set of minimum benefits for everyone. In many cases, no pervisit medical bills. And more information about the price and quality of local health-care companies than has ever been available before.

If the plan were enacted, the government would set up powerful
institutions called health alliances, which would act like buying clubs
for consumers. The alliances would enforce the rules under which local health-care companies would compete for consumers' business. But to consumers, the alliances would be all but invisible. Dealing

with Mr. Clinton's health-care system would be like walking into a mall full of restaurants, knowing that most of the bill already had been paid by an employer or the government and, whether old or sick or poor, the customer could not be turned away at the door. Under this scenario, the state government would assign each consumer to a particular mall, where he or she would choose from competing restaurants. Consumers would be assigned to the mall

plan were enacted by Congress in its present form, the states would be given three years to set up and open these establishments to all Americans and legal residents. Consumers would have to eat at the establishments they selected for an entire year. But once a year, the health alliances would give consumers a detailed report describing all the restaurants available,

closest to where they lived, not where they worked. If the Clinton

and consumers could switch. The report would describe the offerings of all the competing businesses, the training of their staffs, the prices and, eventually, information on the value of the businesses' products.

Consumers would be issued "health security cards," either from their employers or, if self-employed, on Medicaid or unemployed,

their employers or, if self-employed, on the management companies.

The cards would be like annual, prepaid meal passes purchased at the beginning of the year. The price of the passes would vary according to the restaurants the customers had chosen. The passes would be paid for by the customers and their employers. An employer's contribution would be at least 80 percent of the price of according to the price of the passes would be price of the passes would be price of the price of the passes would be price of the price of the price of the passes would be price of the price of the passes would be price of the p percent, and perhaps more if a restaurant more expensive than the average was chosen. The payment would be deducted automatically from a paycheck, as Social Security and state and federal taxes are

The government would subsidize small firms and low-wage workers. Medicare recipients could join the malls, but would be free to also patronize other restaurants.

The White House estimates that the average total cost of a plan for an individual would be about \$1,800, and for a family, about \$4,200. The government would limit the maximum additional out-of-pocket costs for the most expensive plans to \$1,500 a year for an individual and \$3,000 for a family.

Individual restaurants would use the health security cards to identify members and keep track of their eating habits. The more expensive restaurants would charge an extra fee for each meal Under this system, each enterprise would know at the begin

the year how much money it had available to spend to serve all of its members. It could count on the fact that some of its card holders are not likely to use its services all year and others would do so often. To have a profit at the end of the year, it would have to figure out where to go to buy the cheapest materials or how to streamline operations vithout losing customers.

To qualify to sell at a mall, each restaurant would have to sign a contract with the management company agreeing to certain provisions. Each restaurant would have to agree, for example, to provide a broad array of meals — the standard benefits package — so that customers with particular needs would be assured of getting any special items they required.

A typical mail might offer this choice:

The HMO stand: The food at the "health maintenance organization" restaurant would be basic. It would be heavy on the staples and might necessitate a slightly longer wait for a waitress to take a customer's order. But it would be open 24 hours a day, and most of the cooks would have been trained to prepare any meal requested. It would be the cheapest restaurant available in a mall, and a customer's meal pass would cover almost all the costs.

• The PPO stand: The "preferred provider organization" would let customers mix the items on a menu. Choosing this restaurant would require a customer to pay a bit more for a health security card than those using an HMO because the customer would likely be able to choose a cook from a "staff" directory. Also, there would be a greater choice of items requiring consumers to pay extra out of their own wallets than at HMOs.

 The unlimited choice, fee-for-service restaurant: This restaurant would be owned and operated by a group of cooks who had joined forces and agreed to share the financial risk of running a competitive establishment. Their main seiling point would be that each customer could speak directly to a particular cook of his or her choice and request a custom-made meal. The government would allow plans such as this to charge customers extra, up to a limited amount. This select restaurant would get one hump sum annually for each customer and could count on only a limited amount of extra money from a



# Plan's 'Talented Navigator'

WASHINGTON — No introduction was needed when President Bill Clinton spoke of the "talented

navigator" he needed to clear the tangled path to health care reform. Someone with a "rigorous mind, a steady compass,

tread new waters for a first lady over the past eight months by overseeing the White House's proposed overhaul of the nation's health care system.

Clinton, who sat in the customary first lady's box in the House galkery as her husband made his speech. In her meeting

It was the second standing ovation of the night for wisdom of giving the first lady such a task and making notes.

"At long last, after decades of false starts," Mr. Clinton declared,

we must make this our most ur-

gent priority: giving every Ameri-can health security, health care that

can never be taken away, health

Noting the tenuous political con-

sensus, Mr. Clinton said: "For the

first time in this century, leaders of

both political parties have joined together around the principle of

providing universal, comprehen-

sive care. It is a magic moment, and

The nation's largest association

of doctors, the American Medical

Association, praised the president's goals but said it feared "price con-

trols, overregulation and the new

layers of bureaucracy."

The plan sketched by Mr. Clin-

ton and devised in part by his wife, Hillary, mixes market forces and

some government regulation to

Today, most Americans have

health insurance because most big

employers pay for it, while workers pay a small share of the premium

That system would continue. But many Americans now carry no in-

surance or lose their coverage because they lose their job, change

Mr. Clinton's plan would require

all employers to buy coverage for all workers, even part-timers. Small companies could qualify for a gov-

ernment subsidy to help pay for

In general, employers would pay

The unemployed would also be

80 percent of the premium and

workers 20 percent.

jobs or develop a costly illness.

care that is always there."

we must seize it."

CLINTON: 'Most Urgent Priority'

to health insurance that cannot be resident, excluding illegal immi-canceled.

Just a year ago polls showed some Americans were suspicious about having a policymaker for a presi-

The president, as an introduction Wednesday night, had merely said, "Luckily for me and for our nation, I didn't have to look very far" to find the navigator.

All eyes turned to Hillary Rodham Clinton, who read new waters for a first lady over the past eight nonths by overseeing the White House's proposed with more than 1,100 groups, reviewed 700,000 letters with more than 1,100 groups, reviewed 700,000 letters and held dozens of meetings on Capitol Hill to consult with lawmakers from both the Democratic and Reministration.

In her meetings with lawmakers, even Mrs. Clinton's political foes reported being impressed by her Mrs. Clinton, and those delivering the thunderous ability to detail the most complex areas of health care sainte included lawmakers who had questioned the and speak for an hour or more without looking at

## A Glitch Fails To Stop Clinton

WASHINGTON - When President Bill Clinton began to deliver his nationally broadcast speech on health care, the wrong text began to scroll be-fore his eyes on his Tele-PrompTer. Instead of the text on health care reform, it was the Feb. 17 State of the Union address that Mr. Clinton delivered the last time he went before a joint session of Con-

Insurance companies would compete to sell coverage to these alliances. At the same time, doctors, hospitals and group health clinics would compete to attract Vice President Al Gore, seated behind him, who immediately

pick a relatively inexpensive health plan through a health maintenance organization, which is similar to a clinic in which there is little or no choice over which doctor is seen. Or people could pay a bit more and select a plan under which they pick their own doctors and hospitals.

curity card" to present each time

care was provided. A single nation-wide insurance form would replace

Each state would create one or

more very large insurance buying pools, or "alliances," so that small

employers, the self-employed and

the jobless would enjoy the same

bargaining power that big compa-nies now have when they enter the

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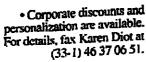
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# **UN Sets 1995 Cutoff for Somali Mission**

By Paul Lewis
New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The Security Council has voted to set March 1995 as the date for ending United Nations peacekeeping in Somalia and handing over responsibility for the country to an elected government.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on Wednesday night. It emphasized that the Unit-ed Nations was committed to promoting recon-ciliation between warring clans in Somalia and that it supported efforts to disarm Mogadishu and capture General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, despite widespread criticism because the operation had led to civilian deaths.

By R. Jeffrey Smith
Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The Clinton

administration plans to propose a

series of new controls on the

world's supply of fissile materials

to discourage the spread of nuclear

weapons, according to U.S. offi-

The plan, the outcome of a sev-

en-month internal policy review, amounts to the administration's

first detailed blueprint for handling

the proliferation of nuclear and

other weapons of mass destruction

- something senior officials have

repeatedly cited as one of the prin-

cipal threats to national security

now that the Cold War has ended.

Apparently in a reference to General Aidid, the warlord who is accused of being behind killings of peacekeepers, the resolution "reaf-firms that those who have committed or ordered the commission of such criminal acts will be held individually responsible for them."

But the resolution's aim, diplomats said, is to establish reconciliation and rebuilding as the main goals of the UN force in Somalia. It calls for stepping up efforts to create a national police force and reopen the judicial system and invites countries to make contributions.

■ French Cameraman Shot Gunmen shot and wounded a French television cameraman as he returned from UN head-

To bring production to a halt,

the administration intends to pro-

pose a global treaty that would bar

France, Israel, China and India.

accept international inspections of

fissile materials taken from old

weapons, the administration plans

to set an example by making all

nuclear materials withdrawn from

U.S. weapons subject to inspection

by the International Atomic Ener-

To encourage other countries to

Clinton in a speech at the United from old weapons.

Nations next week, are intended to

halt expansion of the nuclear arse-

nals now held by the United States,

Russia, France, China, Britain, Israel, India and Pakistan. They

would also help safeguard nuclear materials around the globe so that

terrorists or developing countries could not obtain the essential in-

The two most ambitious, and po-

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ments of the administration's plan

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The measures, which officials place such materials under interna- ation issues.

quarters in Mogadishu, The Associated Press reported Thursday.

The victim, identified as Jean-Louis Melin of France 2 television, was shot in the back while he was in a car near the Mogadishu airport, said a UN spokesman, Captain Tim McDavitt.

Gunmen stopped the car carrying Mr. Melin and two colleagues at a makeshift roadblock and began questioning the TV crew's guards.

One of the gummen opened fire, and Mr. Melin was hit with five bullet fragments, one of which lodged near his heart. The crew's Somali driver was slightly wounded.

He was being treated Thursday at a field hospital near the airport. His exact condition

#### U.S. Will Urge New Nuclear Controls Beijing Suggests Joining Accord

The Associated Press BELJING - Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said Thursday that China might formally join an interthe production of highly enriched uranium or reprocessing of phuto-nium for weapons. It would affect national arms control agreement related to a missile-sales dispute with the United States.

> On CNN, however, when asked if China might formally join the regime, Mr. Qian replied, "We are thinking about this."

China agreed in 1992 to adhere to the Missile Technology Control Regime, even though it did not join it. China threatened in August to withdraw its commitment after the United States accused Beijing of exporting missiles to Pakistan.

# **ASIAN**

# **UN Rebuff** To Taiwan

BELIING - China expressed satisfaction Thursday at the UN's rejection of Taiwan's attempt to gain membership in the United Nations, saying the island's hopes were "absurd and futile,"

Settles Issue

China Says

A Forcign Ministry spokeswom-an, Fan Huijuan, said the decision by the General Assembly steering unittee not to include the Tai wan issue on the agenda of the new assembly session was appropriate. "The question of the representa-tion of China in the United Na-

tions has long been completely set-tled," Mrs. Fan said. "There is no longer any question of Taiwan's return to the United Nations." Beijing replaced Taipei as the holder of the Chinese seat at the United Nations, and on the Security Council, in 1971. Both sides still claim to be the rightful government of all China, but Taiwan is now practicing "flexible diplomac

practicing "flexible diplomacy" in hopes of resuming an official role in the world community.

Mrs. Fan said the steering committee's decision to reject the application, proposed by Central American countries, "showed that any attempt by Taiwan to return to the United National American to the Community of the Communi

United Nations is absurd and futile and cannot speceed." She repeated Beijing's accusations that Taipei was trying to split Chinese sovereignty by seeking official access to international organizations, and said Taiwan's at-

tempts were "doomed to failure." China recently published a re-port on the Taiwan issue, which repeated Beijing's hopes for peace-ful remification with the island but pointedly added that China would

military force if necessary. In Taipei, Taiwan accused China of coercion in blocking the attempt to open debate on UN membership for the island.

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"The Chinese Communists spared no effort to do what they are best at — coercing and intimidat-ing our allies," said Wu Tzu-tan, a New York-based official responsi-ble for Taiwan's UN bid. "We condemn this despicable act."

The prime minister, Lien Chan, said Taiwan would continue to press for UN membership and urged Taiwanese to unite so "this demand for fairness and justice may be gradually realized."

Taiwan said earlier this year that it wanted to obtain UN membership within three years and that its growing economic power meant it should no longer be a diplomatic

# **TOPICS**

Singapore English

Keeps Marching On Singlish, the Singapore patois, has been banned from commercials on the state-owned radio and TV channels, The Associated Press reports. This is not the first official attempt to bar Singapore's distinctive English. which has elements of the four

official languages of the island

republic — English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil. A government accustomed to obedience tried for years to stamp out Singlish in favor of standard English, without success. Even so, an editorial in The Straits Times welcomed the Singapore Broadcasting Corp.'s new

> "If Singaporeans use only Singlish, they might end up mis-communicating in the global marketplace," the newspaper

Typical Singlish expressions

never come just now." Singlish is spoken at all levels of society, from street corner to executive suite. Kirpal Singh, who writes poems and short sto-ries in Singlish, likens it to American English, Australian English and Caribbean English.

Said he, "It is colorful, vital, dynamic, and it gives to our expressions a robustness which, at least in my experience, the rest of the world appreciates."

#### Around Asia

More of Hong Kong's small change will lose Queen Elizabeth II's portrait next month as the crown colony prepares for Chinese rule in 1997. The government announced that the queen's crowned profile will be replaced by the bauhinia, Hong Kong's official flower, on 1-dollar (\$.13) 50-cent and 20-cent coins to be put into circulation Oct. 11. Queenless 5-dollar and 2-dollar coins were introduced in January, and banknotes are also changing Last in line for change is the 10-cent coin, which will likely drop the queen in 1994.

A restaurant named after Mao Zedong has been ordered by the central Chinese city of Nanjing to change its name on grounds that the revolutionary leader's memory should not be commercialized. A Shanghai newspaper, Wen Hui Bao, said the dining room was dominated by a lifesize statue of Mao and by banners carrying Mao-coined slo-gans such as "The East is Red." The waiters wore Mao badges. China is getting ready to observe the centenary of Mao's birth on Dec. 26. He died in 1976.

A Bangkok policeman has tak-en to break-dancing on the job to try to cheer up motorists driven to despair by the city's horren-dons traffic. Whenever traffic grinds to a halt for minutes at a time, he goes into his routine. "I know many motorists must wonder what I am doing when they see me jumping around," Corporal Somehai told the Nation newspaper during a break in his six-hour shift directing traffic amid the capital's noise, heat and pollution. "But once they think about my antics it gives them some relief from the traffic problems at hand. That's all I want.

Arthur Higbee

# Nicaraguan Strike Rages On

MANAGUA — Hundreds of bonfires blazed throughout the Nicaraguan capital early Thursday as a nationwide strike that some fear is a prelude to a

revolt entered its fourth day. At least two people have died in the strike, which began when about 30,000 bus, truck and taxi drivers went off their jobs to protest a new vehicle tax. The government suspended the tax on Tuesday, but the strike has continued as long-suffering Nicaraguans vent their frustration with the staggering economy.

Striking transport workers and their supporters, many of whom masked their faces with bandanas, tore paving stones up from streets and highways to build countless barricades on the capital's streets. Some barriers were a meter to a meter and a half high, leaving only a gap where cars could pass through one throughout the rest of the country. Bus service, Nicaragua's principal form of transportation, stopped. Schools, shops, businesses and most government of-

Daniel Ortega Saavedra, the Sandinista president whom President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro defeated in 1990, attacked the government's economic policies, saying they had caused "hunger, desperation and

The Sandinistas have retained substantial influence under Mrs. Chamorro, including control of the army.

Continental and American Airlines suspended flights from the United States to Managua on Tuesday because of the turmoil. Most of the few passengers flying into Managua on other airlines have been

## TECHNOLOGY: Novel Kind of Swap With Japan

allay Japan's fears about the potential of the North Korean missile

oject.
"We believe that currently North Korea has some capability in tacti-cal ballistic missiles," Mr. Deutch said. "And the possibility that these missiles can carry nuclear, chemical or biological weapons is one of the major security dangers

But the project Mr. Deutch was discussing appeared to be quite long-term. It would involve Japan deeply in the Pentagon's plans for

on a "theater missile defense" program that would protect against regional threats around the world, similar to the one posed by North Korea. Such a program has become the much-scaled down successor to the Strategic Defense Initiative. He gave few specifics about what

the United States might get in re-turn from Japan for such technologies, but said the main negotiations would have to occur between companies in the two countries, rather than just the governments. When a framework for this is

firms working with Japanese firms," he said, citing several examples of technologies that might be imported from Japan for use in either military or commercial areas. Among them are flat-panel displays of the kind used in lighter jets and notebook computers, optoelectronics and composite materials. Japan is strong or considered in the lead in each of those areas.

said, would be encouraged to bring in subcontractors and arrange trade in some of their technologies

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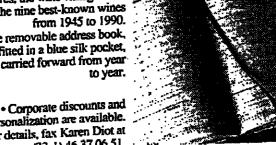
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# Bonn Weighs In With \$5 Billion Debt Relief Tied to Russian Reform

BONN — Germany agreed Thursday to reschedule 8 billion Deutsche marks (\$5 billion) of Russian debt as a gesture of support for President Boris N. Yeltsin's economic policies. Finance Minister Theo Waigel signed a deal with the Russian ambassador, Vladislav P. Terekhov, covering capital and interest that Moscow

was due to repay in 1992 and 1993. "Germany is helping to push forward the re-form process in Russia," Mr. Waigel said in a statement afterward. "The accord is therefore an important contribution to restoring Russia's in-

ternational credit-worthiness." Mr. Waigel said the rescheduling, like all aid to

Russia, was closely linked to the continuation of U.S. to Accelerate Aid economic reform. "As far as we can judge from here, the issue in Moscow and in Russia is whether the reform process will be energetically pursued or not," he said.

The pact is part of a \$15 billion debt-restructuring package for Russia settled on by the Paris Club of creditor nations this April.

Germany is Moscow's largest creditor and aid donor. But Bonn has become concerned at Moscow's failure to service its debts. Earlier this year it stopped granting export credit guarantees. which encourage German companies to do business with Russia, until the country's payments record improved. (Reuers, AFP)

Thomas L. Friedman of The New York Times reported from Washington;
Senior Clinton administration officials and

op American lawmakers have agreed that the \$2.5 billion American aid package for Russia now being considered by Congress should move ahead quickly as a tangible sign of support for President Boris N. Yeltsin,

After Mr. Yeltsin's dissolution of parliament Tuesday, the administration has settled comfortably into a policy that officials summarize as isiness as usual with Mr. Yeltsin and the back of the hand for his opponents.

The general feeling is confidence that Mr.

Yeltsin will prevail, coupled with an attitude that Ruble Continues Plunge this sort of power struggle is probably going to be a feature of political life in Russia for years to

President Bill Clinton sent a message to every U.S. embassy and consulate asking American diplomats to speak with their host governments and dram up support for Mr. Yeltsin.

On Capitol Hill, Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on operof a \$2.5 billion supplementary Russian aid bill as quickly as possible. It has already passed the Honse ations, said he would try to secure Senate pas

The ruble plunged to a record low of 1,299 per dollar Thursday, and dealers said further falls were likely, Remers reported from Moscow. In St. Petersburg, Russia's second city, the currency numbled even further, hitting 1,350 to

The Russian Central Bank uses the Moscow rate as its benchmark rate, but bankers often play the markets in the two cities.

The ruble's fall — 17.9 percent in Moscow and 29.2 percent in St. Petersburg — followed political turmoil in the country after Mr. Yeltsin's dissolving of the parliament

# Spy of Spies Expects **Treason Conviction**

Wolf, the former head of East Germany's spy service, says he expects his trial to end in December with a conviction on charges of bribery

"It's only a question of how long the sentence will be and whether it will be suspended when my lawyers appeal," the defendant, 70, said during a break Wednesday before testimony by Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister and a for-mer head of West Germany's for-

Mr. Wolf said he expected his sentence to be around four years,

#### EXILE: Honecker in Chile

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was not politically persecuted," said Roland Kleisow, minister counselor of the German Embassy here. "He was to stand trial before a court of law. For Chile to have given him asylum would have been a reproach to our system of jus-

Mr. Kleisow said that once charges were dropped, "German authorities were glad to get rid of him because we could not guaran-

tee his security. He said the Honecker issue was "no longer an item for us," but he seemed miffed at the obviously comfortable way of life of the for-

mer East German leader. "There were billions of marks that left Germany at the time and went to Swiss bank accounts," Mr. Kleisow said. "We can account for some of them but not all, and Honecker's cost of living is much more

than the \$500 pension he gets." and no one bothers him," said Clo-

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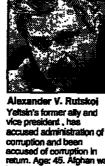
against West Germany while the Eastern part of the country was Communist and a separate state.

He said he had served East Germany loyally and successfully until it was absorbed into the Federal German Republic. So he could not be guilty of treason, he argued, and if his side had won the Cold War he might be serving his country today like Mr. Kinkel.

had been at Mr. Brandt's side for nearly a year. While serving as Mr. Brandt's personal assistant during way in the summer of 1973, Mr.



A former ally of Yeltsin's . . . led lawmakers in chipping away at president's power and



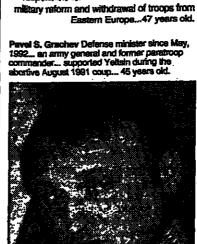
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minister in December, with the support of conservatives opposed to economic reform....formerly served in the state energy sector\_55 years old\_on Thursday endorsed Yeltsin's call for



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#### Cellist Sings Yeltsin's Praise

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparche

MOSCOW - Mstislav Rostropovich always had impeccable timing. The cellist conductor and former dissident arrived in his

homeland this week for a concert tour with the pianist son of another Russian cultural icon, 21-year-old Ignat Solzhe-

They landed smack in the middle of political crisis.

Mr. Rostropovich, 66, a backer of President Boris N. Yeltsin, said Thursday, "I categorically support the Russian president — a conrageous man who fights for his country."

"I would have come even if there were no concert," he said on the eve of a tour with the National Symphony Orches-tra of Washington.

"I love Russia and through music I want to help raise Russians' spiritual hopes — their belief in themselves, their culture and their future," he said.
(AP, Reuters)

to early presidential elections and provided a concrete date for them

in order to demonstrate that he is

not trying to amass power now in

order to become a dictator but in-

tends to return to a democratic

framework.

Writing in the newspaper Izves-tia, Otto R. Latsis, a respected po-litical commentator, noted that the Abkhazians were unlikely to have violated the cease-fire on their own. Mr. Yeltsin said that had agreed

**Fallout** 

Georgia

**Moscow Suffers** 

Loss of Credibility

By Celestine Bohlen

New York Tunes Service

tween Georgian forces and Abkha-

zian rebels for control of Sukhumi'

moves into its second week, one of, its victims has been Russia's reputation as a neutral and credible

peacekeeper on the territory of the

By launching a surprise offensive against the Georgian-beld city on Sept. 16, the Abkhazian separatists.

long suspected by Georgia to have the blessing of at least some ele-ments within the Russian govern-

ment, blew apart a six-week-old

cease-fire agreement, signed in the Russian resort town of Sochi by

Russia, Georgia and Abkhazia on

With the collapse of the Sochi

agreement, the most promising in a

series of cease-fires signed in the

course of a yearlong war, chances

for another negotiated peace in the

breakaway region in Georgia's

A. Shevardnadze, the renewed at-tack on Sukhumi put not only his.

own political survival on the line. but quite possibly, the future of

For Russia, which signed the

agreement as a guaranter of what

was sure to be a fragile peace, its, failure has even wider implications.

sians is their credibility." said a Western diplomat. "They may

want to take up efforts at a cease-

fire again, but it will be more diffi-

"What is at stake for the Rus-

For the Georgian leader, Eduard

northwest corner are slim.

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MOSCOW - As the battle be-

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The treachery of the Gadanta group throws a shadow of suspi-a cion on the peacekeeping efforts of Russia in Georgia," he wrote this week. "It is difficult to imagine that a the Abkhazian side would start; such an adventure without considering that in Russia, someone would be found to defend it."

"Yeltsin is not looking for any dvantage for himself, he is not The war in Abkhazia began in August 1992, when Georgian fighting for his position, he is fighttroops seized the regional capital, Sukbumi, in an attempt to quash ing for Russia, for the rebirth of Russia," he said of himself. the Abkhazians' moves toward! Mr. Yeltsin's move appeared degreater independence. A distinct signed in part to win over regional ethnic minority, the Abkhazians, leaders wary about the confrontawho make up only 17 percent of the region's population, have been action. Many have called for him to tively supported by Muslims across the border in Russia's North Cau-

current power struggle. But the president's chief of staff said that tween the Black Sea and the Caucasus mountains, has other special ties to Russia. The Russian military still has bases there, as well as a top-secret seismic laboratory, and the Moscow military district owns? a choice piece of land on the seal where its high-ranking officers used to come for vacations and which became headquarters both for tripartite Georgian-Russian-

Abkhazian peacekeepers and a small mission of UN observers. In renewing the conflict last week, the Abkhazians, whose government is based up the coast at a Gadauta, accused the Georgians of being the first to violate the Sochi agreement. But their surprise of-fensive was clearly timed to coin-cide with the outbreak of another

rebellion in Georgia. Rushing to Sukhumi last week to lead the resistance from within the embattled city, Mr. Shevardnadze issued a passionate appeal to President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, calling on him to help bring the Ahkhazian offensive to a halt. The response from Russia was ambivalent and contradictory, reflecting what many believe are divisions

within the government.
In official statements, the Russian government joined the UN Se- 4 curity Council in condemning the Abkhazians, and ordered the imposition of economic sanctions against Abkhazia. But after a visit to the region for meetings with both Georgian and Abkhazian leaders, the Russian defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, withdrew an earlier offer to send in troops to halt the Akhazian offensive, saying that he had too few men on the ground to effectively

keep the peace. The Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, in an article published this week in the newspa-per Nezavisimaya Gazeta, also shifted the blame for the failure to stop the fighting in Sukhumi away

from Moscow. He noted that only 22 of a promised 88 UN observers had been in place in Sukhumi when the fighting

broke out. "Had the Russian forces in that

region been essentially built up and our appeal been heard in Washing ton in good time, we might have managed to make the conflicting side observe the agreements signed . in Sochi," he wrote.

Meanwhile, in Sukhumi on Thursday, a third civilian airliner was destroyed by artillery shells at the city's seaside airport where it was waiting to evacuate refugees and wounded to the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.

Two other airplanes, the first carrying civilian passengers and another bringing in Georgian troop reinforcements, were shot down by anti-aircraft fire earlier this week. A spokesman for the Gadauta remain intact can only inflame na- government said that Sukhumi,

which has had its telephone links people aheady at sea, in many cut in recent days, was now cut off cases, due to the loss of an ideology from sea, land and air supply

#### By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service DUSSELDORF — Markus but that his best chance to have it suspended will come when the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe rules on whether the federal German authorities can legally charge him and his former colleagues with treason for spying

The Constitutional Court's ruling is not expected to come until after the trial, which began in May. Both Mr. Kinkel and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the former foreign minister, testified Wednesday about Gunter Guillaume, the East German spy whose activities brought down Chancellor Willy Brandt in 1974.

Mr. Wolf's defense had hoped to get Mr. Kinkel to buttress their client's contention that all intelligence services were fundamentally similar. He was neither inclined nor allowed to do so.

This court holds to its earlier decision that a comparison of intelligence service methods is of no conceivable legal relevance to this case," said the presiding judge, Klans Wagner. Mr. Kinkel did testify about

what he and Mr. Genscher had known in May 1973 about the suspicions against Mr. Guillaume, which both men said had been first revealed to them by Bonn's counterintelligence service on May 29 that year, as Mr. Kinkel noted in a memorandum of record that he kept in his safe until after the spy was arrested the following April. Until then, the suspected agent

"He lives an isolated, quiet life the chancellor's vacation in Nordomiro Almeyda, a friend and Gnillaume was able to photograph prominent Chilean Communist. a dozen secret NATO documents.

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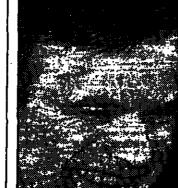
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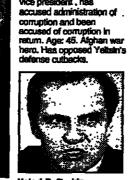
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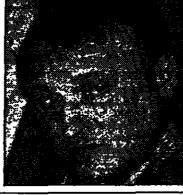
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in trading today, to a new low of 1,299 to the dollar. Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, appeared to be

laying the groundwork for a possible use of force when he warned that the situation around the parliament building, or White House, was getting out of control and that parliamentary leaders would be held accountable.

"Dangerous weapons are being appropriated by extremists, homeless and mentally unstable people and criminals, who are specially coming to the Supreme Soviet building to get hold of uncontrolled weapons," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Sergei M. Shakhrai said the government had issued orders against storming the White House. But he said a crackdown could not be ruled out "if anyone spilis blood."

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Mr. Yeltsin's defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, also warned that if the confrontation worsened and people's lives were at risk, the armed forces would step

troops and police who are ready to use force against groups of bandits ment's newspaper, Rossiskaya Ga-if provocations threaten people's zetta, to immediately cease publilives," he said. Defense Ministry officials accused Mr. Yeltsin's opponents of plotting to take over the ministry

building and general staff headquarters, which are situated just a few blocks from the Kremlin. Mr. Yeltsin's chief legislative rival. the speaker of the parliament, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, threw simi-

lar charges back at him. "If he turns to provocation," Mr. Khasbulatov said of Mr. Yeltsin, "and there is bloodshed on the streets, the president's camp will be

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responsible and will be punished." Yeltsin last spring, called for simul-For the first time, however, Mr. Khasbulatov recognized the possibility of defeat, blaming in part Mr. Yeltsin's "censorship" and control of television and radio. Mr. Yelt-"There are units of interior sin's prime minister, Viktor S. Chemomyrdin, ordered the parlia-

> of the legislature's property. Several parliamentary leaders quit on their own Thursday to support Mr. Yeltsin's position that a new legislature should be formed. He was clearly hoping to pick off many more when he announced a series of "social guarantees" to protect deputies once the parliament shut down. He promised to keep paying their salaries, help them find new work and allow them to

Mr. Rutskoi, who broke with Mr.

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taneous new elections for president and the parliament in February. The vice president, who in the past has said he would run for president, denied such an ambition Thursday. Appearing nervous, knocking into his microphone as he spoke, the decorated Afghan war veteran urged the military to "express its civic protest," adding: "That is the only way we can save the country." cation as part of a general takeover

Mr. Rutskoi accused the West of supporting Mr. Yeltsin to bring about "political, legal and econom-ic anarchy" in Russia and "the demise of the state."

Mr. Yeltsin made it clear that he would run in the presidential elec-tions he is calling for June 12. "It's tions simultaneously with the par-turned out really inconveniently. Itament as a way of resolving the Although I have to run for election for the third time, nevertheless this is essential." He was elected president in 1991 for a five-year term. ate a dangerous "power vacuum."

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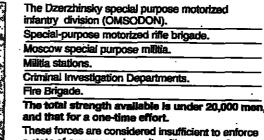
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#### Keeping Order in Russia Moscow military district The Moscow military district elite units. 20th Tamanskaya motorized rifle division.

4th Kantemirovskaya tank division. 27th motorized rifle brigade. The total mobilization of all forces (including cadets) will at best yield 15,000 - 20,000 men.



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These forces are considered insufficient to enforce a state of emergency in a city with a population of 10 million. According to the Russian Defense Ministry 125,000 men are required to control the

situation in the capital. The Kremlin is well guarded by the "Kremlin" regiment plus special security forces accountable directly to Yeltsin, while defense analysts say that it would only take a single man using tear gas to clear the "White House".

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# MOSCOW: Turbulence Ahead, Even if Yeltsin Wins

Continued from Page 1 Yeltsin issued decrees and much of

Russia paid attention to neither. Already, Mr. Yeltsin's cabinet, bolstered by the reappointment of the reform leader Yegor T. Gaidar as deputy prime minister and the removal of a leading conservative, seems more united than it has in months. Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, a reluctant convert to economic reform and a one-time opponent of drastic measures against parliament, this time is leading the charge with gusto.

But victory is far from certain. Mr. Yeltsin could fail to win the support he needs in Russia's regions. Most frightening, his gambit could lead to civil strife and throw democratization off-track. Even if Mr. Yeltsin manages to dissolve parliament and win a sta-

ble, pro-reform majority in a new legislature — both giant "ifs" — the world faces a long period of uncertainty. Presidential elections would be held next June, according to Mr. Yeltsin's plans, and elec-tions for an upper house of parliament and for local councils possibly even later. The pressure to adopt costly, populist economic measures and inflammatory, nationalist foreign-policy measures

will be enormous throughout that allowing some social pain, and prolong period.
Throughout that period, more-

al, legal or constitutional foundation for his rule. Most important, even a tactical

victory will not diminish the difficulties that underpin the current in any government, will remain power struggle. power struggle.

A new legislature will be confronted with the same economic

albatross bequeathed Russia by decades of central planning. The gov-ernment is supporting, through subsidies and cheap credits, thou-sands of unprofitable mines, polluting factories and money-losing collective farms - all topped by a vast, entrenched and often corrupt bureaucracy. To move to a more efficient,

market-driven economy, Moscow should stop subsidizing these dinosaurs, giving space for new, more sensible enterprises to emerge. But the government cannot take such a step without condemning millions to unemployment So any government will have to

walk a nearly invisible line between promoting efficiency, and thereby

tecting the poor, the ill-trained and Throughout that period, more-over, an enormous burden will rest on the shoulders of one man with a history of health problems, no clear government does not have, which successor and no clear institution-leads to hyperinflation, which leads leads to hyperinflation, which leads to collapse; too little protection, many Russians fear, could lead not only to untold suffering but to a popular revolt. And state industry,

> This economic dilemma is being faced, with varying degrees of suc-cess, by every East Puropean country coming out of communism. But Russia, vaster and longer under the Communist yoke, faces the dilemma on an unprecedented scale.

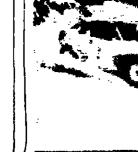
Moreover, Russia's economic weakness means that its restive regions, can expect less and less help from Moscow. That, in turn, means that regions rich in natural resources will increasingly push to go their own way.

The resulting strains and ques-tions over whether Russia itself can tionalism and increase anxiety in a they grew up with.

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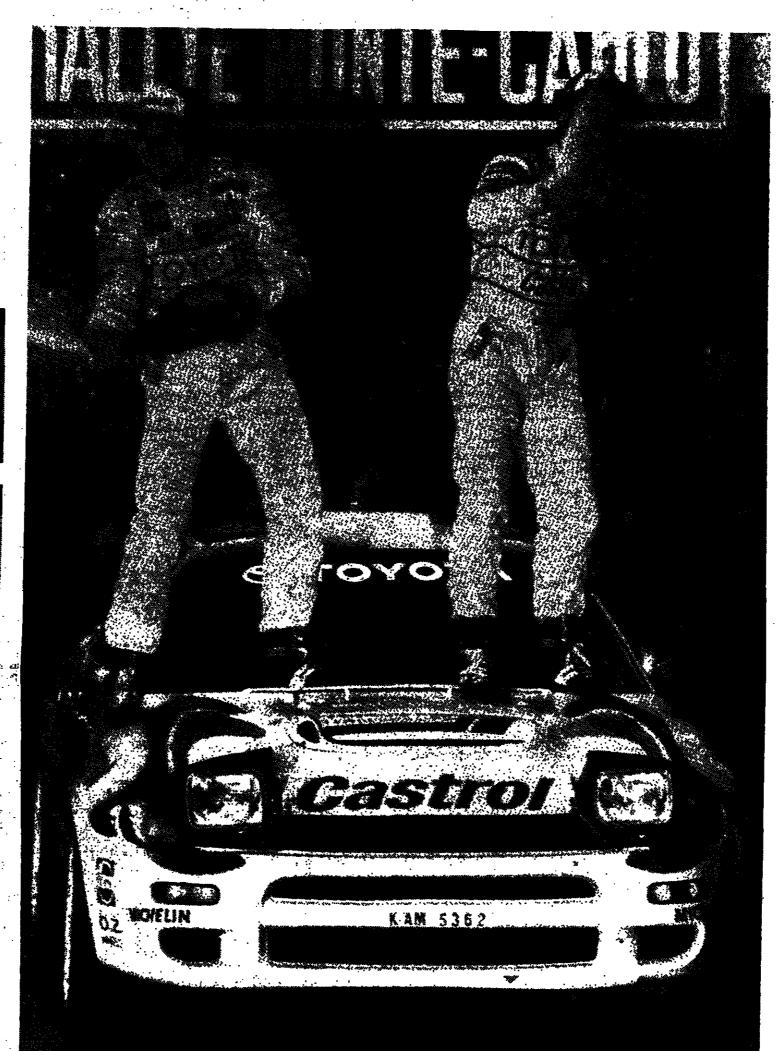


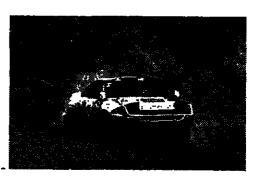


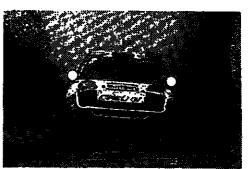


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chester. Beijing would have been no better. Alas, the world of the modern Olympics is not an innocent place, Politics has shoved itself in. Prime ministers sell their wares. Organizing the Olympics today is a balance-of-power negotiation. The choice of site has to make a statement, raise a hope, pat a deserving back.

that second count. Manchester ran behind

both of them, and Istanbul ran behind Man-

Take that into account, and Istanbul's claim moved much closer to the front. Turkey is not perfect, but it is the only working democracy in Western Islam, and it sits on the possible front line of a coming Cold War between Muslims and the West. Berlin gained too, a symbol of the end of Europe's division and of Germany's regeneration. Beijing both gained and lost. The world of the Olympians would have liked to do something for the people of China, but, in the end, it realized that it had to deliver a rebuke to China's government.

Sydney's victory is not the most imaginative outcome of the contest: Istanbul would have claimed that laurel. It is not the conventionally cozy choice: that would have been Berlin. But Australians can wear their Olympic victory with confidence. Australia can organize the 2000 Games as efficiently as the best of its rivals. And, as the only one of the five that has been a democracy for the whole of its independent life, it passes the political test just fine. Bravo, Sydney.

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# **Washington Bets on Boris**

Might Boris Yeltsin have avoided the current crisis if he had used his earlier successes — defeat of the 1991 coup, last April's referendum — to move against his enemies? His tendency to govern by mood swings, sometimes engaging fully, sometimes not, seems no less responsible for the frustrations of Russian reform than the parliamentary resistance. But he is Boris Yeltsin, democratic (or so it has seemed up to now) and maddeningly erratic. He lagged, but now he has acted, on Tuesday throwing out the parliament elected in 1989 under the old Communist constitution that is in effect to this day. His decision has precipitated a seemingly climactic showdown between Western-looking reform elements and the more nationalistic, go-back/go-slow brigade.

Beijing, that city would have been the right

choice. The International Olympic Com-

mittee would have been sending a message

from the non-Chinese majority of the world

that the Chinese are a respected people.

Maybe — who knows? — lives in Beijing

and beyond would have improved as the

But the Olympics are not given to a

people. They are grasped by governments,

who use them for their own purposes. The

Chinese government does not qualify for so

glittering a prize. China was the only non-

for the 2000 award. Its spectacular econom-

ic growth over the past decade sits on top of

an antique political brutality. Perhaps Chi-

na will change enough, and soon enough, to

qualify for the 2004 Games. If it does, fine.

For now, congratulations to Sydney, an

In an innocent world -- a world in which

games were games, and sporting competition

was a competition among men and women,

not governments and geopolitical symbols --

it would be easy to pick a site for the Olym-

pics. Look for a city where as many people as

possible can assemble to watch the Games in

comfort, without too huge a demand on the

taxpayers' pocket. It should be like picking a

supermarket site: The test is consumer con-

nience, maximum value at minimum cost.

By that test, Sydney and Berlin were both

fine. Both are easy of access for the sort of

people who want to travel to the Olympics.

admirably better choice on all counts.

democracy among the final five contenders

Olympic spotlight approached.

Mr. Yeltsin promises to break the prevailing gridlock by holding democratic elections for a new parliament in December, and meanwhile to avoid using force. As of this writing he evidently has at least the military's toleration, and the no-force pledge has been holding. This leaves open, of course, the crucial questions of how to manage the tensions that the president's stroke has now exacerbated, how to organize the elections (and whether to add a new presidential election), and what powers to give the new legislature. The many

opportunities for compromise and derailment as well as confrontation make it unclear whether this will turn out to be a fight to the finish or a new stalemate. Mr. Yeltsin will have to show steadiness as well as his evident courage to make it come out right.

In dissolving the parliament, he presented Russia's foreign friends with a troubling but accomplished fact. There is an evident danger, in the deed and in the example, of appearing to support an unconstitutional power grab in a country on the verge of chaos and with a fearful history of one-man rule. The United States had no visible alternative, however; it could only heavy up its already substantial political investment - extra aid can wait - in the Yeltsin leadership. This is a gamble. By its early and strong support of the Russian presi-dent, though, Washington earns a respectful hearing for its insistence that democracy and

economic reform both proceed apace. Almost everywhere in the old Soviet bloc a brutal struggle is taking place over the pace, direction and management of change. The size and great volatility of Russia, its nuclear weapons status and the importance to the United States of its foreign policy orientation make it a place where the stakes could not be higher.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

# **Poles Look for Security**

The numbers say that Poland's version of shock therapy — leaping from a command economy to capitalism overnight — is work ing. The economy is growing by 5 percent a year while other economies in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are shrinking. The deficit is down, waiting lines at stores are gone and foreign investment is up. Half the work force is in private sector jobs.

Why, then, did Polish voters vote former ists back into power? The answer isn't hard to find. Reform not only put color television sets into Polish homes, it put 20 percent of Polish workers into unemployment lines. No wonder the Poles leaped to the promise by the Democratic Left Alliance, the party of former Communists, of a kinder, gentler policy.

Unfortunately, there is no way to shut down, or even shrink, the useless state-owned enterprises that the Communists built without temporarily laying off thousands of workers. Unemployment was not the only factor in

this week's elections. Many Poles voted against the government because it brought abortion restrictions and other teachings of the Catholic Church into daily life. The agrarian party ran against the government's policy of open trade. And many Poles voted against changes that brought some of them vast fortunes but others continuing misery.

Yet the overriding issue was economic security, which a third of Polish voters associated. almost certainly wrongly, with the old faces of the Communists who brought them certain employment and equally certain poverty.

The new government will not make an economic U-turn. The Left Alliance ran on a platform of moderating, but not reversing, market reform. But it will have plenty of trouble producing even that much cha There is little room for maneuver. The deficit is high, and if the new government starts handing out piles of ziotys to the unemployed and the elderly, inflation will soar out of control and the economy will collapse.

The bigger threat is that the new govern-ment would undermine the two policies behind Poland's economic gains: open trade and

scheduled to begin next year.

The West will not like the outcome of last Sunday's vote. But it shares some of the blame. By shutting out Polish exports, especially farm goods, Western countries punished fledgling enterprise and triggered some of the anger that Polish farmers, steel manufacturers and textile makers feel toward market reforms, Markets can't work if consumers won't buy.

What type of government will emerge from the splintered parliamentary vote is not clear. The ex-Communists want to govern in a coalition with parties that back reform; so far the reformers have not accepted the invitation. Ironically, the Polish vote may not sway Polish policy very much, but it may dampen enthusiasm for reform elsewhere in the former Communist bloc. From Romania to Lithua-

nia, the leaders have been told that even when reforms work, they won't have many friends. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Other Comment

#### France Appeases Its Farmers

The [GATT] affair illustrates the appalling volatility of Europe today. Germany faces elections next year, and farmers in Bavaria in particular threaten a swing to the radical right. So Chancellor Helmut Kohl tries to

prop up protectionism.
It is France, though, that threatens most damage to GATT, through its agrarian com-munism. Its "leaders" have lacked the guts of those of all its major trading competitors, who have argued and won the case for freer trade with their own farming communities.

If the French are happy to keep paying excessively for their food, let them. Let them pay their choleric, inept farmers directly. But they cannot expect the world to keep funding such rural affluence through export subsidies. - Australian Financial Review (Sydney).



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# Hurrying Along After Yeltsin, Watchfully

WASHINGTON — Bill Clin-ton had no choice but to embrace Boris Yeltsin's coup in Moscow vigorously and swiftly. But having his hand forced this way should persuade him to work on creating more maneuvering room for America in the tangled Russian political thicket and a better politi-

cal early warning system.

Caught flat-footed by the Israelis and Palestinians last month, Mr. Clinton found himself scram-

America's apparent knee-jerk support is in fact high politics, driven by a strategic imperative to help hold the Russian state together.

bling again when Mr. Yeltsin gave the United States an hour's warning on Tuesday that he was about to dissolve the obstructionist Russian parliament even though he has no constitutional authority to take that step. Tight-lipped friends have replaced secretive adversaries as the people who keep an American president awake at night wondering what tomorrow will bring. Mr. Clinton quickly put aside any dismay he may have felt about being left in the dark and issued a

ringing endorsement of Mr. Yelt-sin's moves before it was clear they would succeed. There seems to have

By Jim Hoagland

been almost no debate about this course in the White House, where it was felt that Washington needed to send a strong message of support.

Mr. Clinton's speed and clarity provided a welcome and probably not accidental contrast to the hesitation that gripped the Bush White House in the early hours of the August 1991 coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. Mr. Yeltsin's chances for success are good enough that Mr. Clinton did not feel a need to hedge his bets.

Moreover, the different responses reflect a subtle but important change in the way the Clinton White House looks at Russia.

This administration sees fragmentation as the biggest danger confronting democracy in Russia, not a reversal of fortune that would bring a Communist dictatorship back to power. Paralysis and even a breaking up of President Yelt-sin's Russian Federation, similar to the disintegration of the Soviet Union in December 1991, is more likely than another takeover by hard-liners, in the view of administration strategists.
The Cold Warriors in the Bush

administration always harbored mixed feelings about a possible breakup of Russia. They were nervous about the consequences of the disintegration of a major nuclear power, but some of them also saw strategic advantage for America if Russia broke up on its own.

This meant that while backing Mr. Yeltsin and nominally cooperating with Russia, the Bush administration avoided steps that would have had the effect of strengthening the Russian state and its military. The fear that reform could be reversed and the Russian army could

a driving force in Bush policy. The Clinton administration has moved slowly to change that official mind-set, agreeing to a joint space program with the Russians and holding serious discussions with Moscow about joint peacekeeping exercises with the Russian military. The U.S. decision in July to suspend nuclear testing was another sign that the fear of a military reversal in Russia has declined

again become an adversary was still

at the White House since Ian. 20. In that sense, Mr. Clinton's strong support for Mr. Yeltsin is more than a personal endorsement given to a political partner. It is an attempt to avoid the national chaos and fragmentation that would follow failure by Mr. Yeltsin to gain control over the deteriorating situation in Russia. America's apparent knee-jerk support is in fact high politics, driven by a strategic imperative of helping hold the Russian state together.

Mr. Yeltsin secured the military's support before he moved, something that he was unable to do when he made threats to declare martial law in March and then backed down. Yeltsin forces also took physical control of the Cen-tral Bank in Moscow on Tuesday, giving Mr. Yeltsin at long last control over Russia's money and the

**Economics** 

Won't Be

Enough

By Jerome M. Segal

WASHINGTON — When moral consensus is not possible, re-

cognition of the moral integrity of the

other can substitute. Parties can re-

concile in an awareness that each has

a point of view through which it is

possible for decent people to see and

Nothing of this sort has yet been

tinians. They retain, relatively intact.

achieved between Israelis and Pales-

their own understandings of the con-

flict and unchanged perceptions of

understand is that from the Palestin-

ian point of view, the morality of the

conflict is relatively simple - the

land was theirs; the Jews seeking to

escape harms done them by Christian

Europe gained the blessing of the

ruling imperialist states to come and take from the Palestinians what was

theirs. The Palestinians fought back.

icant change neither in Palestinian

thinking nor in Jewish recognition of

the fact that it was natural and under-

standable that Palestinians would see

Arab voices that break with this con-

sensus. King Hassan of Morocco has said that the Jews have always lived in

the Middle East and that just as there

always was a Jewish quarter in Arab

communities, it is fitting that there be

a Jewish state within the larger array

of Middle Eastern states. And it is not unknown for a Palestinian to say, "We

of all people should have welcomed

our Jewish cousins back to the land, given what they had suffered." But

On the Israeli side, at least among

scholars, there has been over the

years a very deep rethinking of the history of the conflict. Certainly the

self-serving mythology of "a land

without a people, for a people with-out a land" has been swept away. But

only on the far left do Israelis ac-

knowledge that, even if ultimately necessary and justifiable, the basic

Zionist enterprise involved an injustice to the indigenous people.

Typically in international rela-

tions, peace does not require that

adversaries agree on who was right

and wrong; nor, if such agreement is

not forthcoming, must they share a

sense of the moral complexity of their struggle. But the Jewish-Palestinian

These two peoples will continue to

live intermingled with each other regardless of citizenship. Jerusalem is a

city of dual nationality. Palestinian

citizens of Israel constitute a signifi-

cant part of the population, and Jew-

ish settlers may continue to live in the

West Bank even when it becomes a

The basic fact about this conflict

and about the peace that may emerge is that the Palestinians have lost their

struggle to prevent the taking of a land that they experienced as their own. For the Jewish people, that long

struggle has been a great success— the return to the land of ancient an-

statchood after nearly 2,000 years of

statelessness, the achievement of a

prosperous and democratic society.

A great deal of what has always

appeared to the outside world as the

irrationality of the PLO is perhaps

better understood as an effort to bear

For the Palestinians, the triumphs of the Jewish people have thus far been

conflict is rather different.

Palestinian state.

at their expense

these are isolated expressions.

Rarely, one can hear Palestinian or

the conflict in those terms.

On this level, there has been signif-

What is so hard for most Jews to

understand the world.

each others' conduct.

national payroll. If violence can be avoided and new parliamentary elections held in December as Mr. Yeltsin proposes, he will have pulled off a political rather than a military coup. He will have overturned a Brezhnevite parliament that lost its popular legitimacy in the April referendum. He can mitigate the accusations that he has acted undemocratically by standing for re-election in Decem-

ber at the same time. But success in this confrontation will bring its own problems for Mr. Yeltsin, who may have reached his high-water mark in wrenching Russia into a more democratic future. He has acted outside the law to overturn not a violent dictatorship but a paralyzed, partially cor-rupt legislature that some of his aides had urged him to co-opt. His own citizens may wind up judging this to have been a valid but not totally clean operation.

Until more is known about the long-term Russian reaction, the Clinton administration is both unwise and opportunistic to suggest that Congress should expedite al-ready proposed financial aid to bolster Mr. Yeltsin's government immediately — that smacks too much of rewarding extralegal ac-tion and of meddling. Congress should endorse the aid, on its normal schedule. And the Clinton administration should begin thinking through ways to ensure that it has more than one option the next time Boris springs a big surprise.

# Yeltsin's Coup Took Planning By William Safire WASHINGTON — Two weeks ago, the

v v president of Russia had a long telephone conversation with the president of the United States. The B...... States. The Russian, who gave no hint of an intent to dissolve parliament, wanted to know in detail about the progress of the aid package and repeal of trade restrictions; in turn, the American asked him to increase pressure on the Serbs and to withdraw troops from the Baltic states.

A few days later, asked to assess Boris Yeltsin's political position, Bill Clinton said: "He is in a weaker position than he was, politically, right after he was elected — because of his inability to work through an effective political compromise with his opponents." Should the United States be talking to his rival, Alexander Ratskoi? "I don't think we should be hedging our bets," replied Mr. Clinton.

Ten days later, Mr. Yeltsin's political standing croding in the face of a budget showdown with the Soviet-era Parliament, the Russian president struck, dissolving the institution that opposed his reforms, and setting legislative

elections in three months.

The document he signed was more carefully drawn than any of his previous decrees; it includ ed such details as the wages for legislative staff until Dec. 13. It was no impulsive act. In this time of nascent democracy and ram-

pant corruption, Russian political power does not yet rest fully on the will of the people. The Red Army and the KGB still figure strongly in the struggle between free market reformers and

Yeltsin courtship of these elites. On March 30, Defense Minister Pavel Grachev was interrogated by the anti-Yeltsin parliamen-tarian Ruslan Khasbulatov, in a way that many top Red Army officers considered insulting; the general was publicly accused of not giving straight answers. This soured many officers on the partia ment and its ally, Vice President Rutskoi, a combat pilot the generals consider an opstart.

In the referendum about a new constitution a

month later, which Mr. Yeltsin's position won with 59 percent of the vote, and fully 67 percent of the Red Army officers supported the president



(whose acquiescence to their wage demands fur-ther endeared him to them). General Grachev traveled to the United States and talked with President Clinton in the office of the national security adviser, Tony Lake.

Meanwhile the KGB, which has a new name but

is still the KGB, was on the knife's edge, its leader eaning toward the agency's old Commun in parliament. At the end of July, Mr. Yeltsin fired Viktor Barannikov, whom a source calls "a friend who turned unreliable," as security minister.

Mr. Yeltsin's choice to replace the head of internal security was Nikolai Golushko, a longtime KGB officer in the directorate charged with putting down dissent. His appointment reassured the agents in the ranks, and because he had long been stationed in Ukraine, outside the orbit of the old-timers' Moscow KGB headquarters, Yeltsinites considered him more reliable.

Last week Mr. Yeltsin paid a visit to the Interior Ministry's Dzerzhinsky Division (named after "Iron Felix" Dzerzhinsky, founder of Stalin's secret police), on combat

alert a half-hour's ride from Moscow.

And last week the confrontation between the reform executive and the Red legislature came to

a head over, of all things, the budget. Parliament proposed a foolhardy deficit of 25 percent of GNP, which it was ready to pass over Mr. Yeltsin's veto. His economic advisers at home and abroad told him that it would take the nation over the brink, beyond hope of stabilization.

With his Red Army and KGB and Dzerzhinsky ducks all in a row, and his personal

relationship with Washington secure, the Russian leader - assured that no Clinton bet on him would be hedged - made his move. This is a calculated power play, long plan and extra-constitutional, that is likely to put too

much power in the hands of the Russian chief executive. Is Washington wise to support it? Yes, considering the alternative of political paralysis leading to economic catastrophe leading to social upheaval. President Clinton's uninting public approval, tied to a promise of

democratic elections, is wise.

But one should keep a wary eye on the renewed political power of the Red Army and the KGB. The armed forces in place should be radically cratic government in place should be radically

when the reformers take full charge. The New York Times.

# A Phony Farm War, With 'Cultural' Skirmishing

PARIS — Edouard Balladur has uneasily succeeded in the first act of his risky campaign against the Blair House "pre-agreement" on farm trade issues. But the French prime minister's success in convincing the European Community to raise French agricultural concerns again in Washington will do him no political good unless concessions are extracted

Are French thought and art really threatened by the likes of Mickey Mouse and Steven Spielberg?

from the United States, and Washington says that won't happen.

Mr. Balladur has taken an inflexible position on what the French gov-ernment demands from a new GATT agreement, with respect both to farm exports and the trade in international cinema and television programs.

The farm export controversy is a tedious one about which there has been much deliberately manufactured confusion. The conflict is essentially between powerful agribusiness interests on both sides of the Atlantic, and now chiefly concerns grain exports, in which the Europeans have seized a part of a market once overwhelmingly American. Both sides are selling to poor countries at subsidized prices that tend to undermine the agricultural self-sufficiency of those countries.

It is usually presented as a struggle by family farmers on one or the other side of the Atlantic against selfish and impersonal foreign interests. In

France, it is linked to the emotional issues of traditional agriculture's survival, the destruction of a way of life, the diminishment of France's territorial riches of wine and food. All of these indeed are threatened, but chiefly by European Community farm policies pursued since the 1950s (although recently modified), which have made French agriculture into one of the most efficient on earth,

while promoting huge food overpro-

By William Pfaff

duction throughout Western Europe, If the French countryside is depopulated today, while what the French eat dwindles in quality and character — which is happening — the French have only themselves to blame. Farm interests in America are not responsible for the industrialization of French agriculture nor for what the French choose to buy in their shops and supermarkets.

The ordinary French now seem ac

tually to prefer industrial wines and cheeses, tasteless fruits and vegeta-bles (which usually seem to be im-ported), and breads devoid of content. The difficulties experienced by the makers of traditional and "artisanal" food products are caused by a remarkable collapse in the standards of French consumers.

On the second issue - France's demand for a "cultural exception" excluding film and television exports from GATT rules on merchandise trade - the French, in my opinion, have a valid case. A good deal of nonsense has been written about this as well, including the claims made by Hollywood producers and American trade negotiators that this is "censorship" and that the French government is trying to force Europeans to watch art movies from France rather than "Terminator IV," "Boxing Helena" or the latest Bruce Willis.

France actually is the only Western country other than the United States that still has a film industry. Its art films get to the United States, but otherwise it produces a steady series of comedies, romances and adventure and police films, some good, some trashy — rather like Hollywood in the 1930s. The rights to these are

Letters intended for publication should be addressed "Letters to the Editor" and contain the writer's signature, name and full address. Letters should be brief and are subject to editing. We cannot be responsible for the return of unsolicited manuscripts. sometimes bought by American producers who remake them in English

with American actors. Thus the French note that the United States already has its own "cultural" barrier to audiovisual imports. American television and film distribution companies insist that Americans will not watch subtitled or dubbed films -- unlike audiences in all the rest of the world.

On the American side, we are talking big business. Films and television programs are second only to commercial aircraft as American export earners. This is because they are cheap and are backed by enormous promotional campaigns. Many also are good, of course; but the good stuff would be sold abroad even if it were expensive. The salient point is that mass-produced entertainment already fully amortized on the huge American market can be sold to foreign broadcasters and cinema distribution chains at prices that European producers, with small domestic mar-

kets, cannot match. The French are mistaken to palk about this as a problem of "culture." To an American, "culture" in ordinary discourse means high culture: literature, philosophy, art. When a French intellectual or cabinet minister says that French culture is threatened Euro-Disneyland or "Jurassic Park," he makes himself ridiculous in American eyes. He seems to be saying that French thought and art are threatened by Mickey Mouse and Steven Spielberg.

An American could reasonably look at the humanities departments of American universities, now all but completely taken over by imported (il somewhat dated) French ideas, and argue that the real cultural threat goes in the opposite direction.

The French government demands that Europeans retain the right to subsidize European television and film production and to limit the amount of imported programming on European television. The United States says subsidies and quotas distort competition. Washington would not, I think, say this with the same conviction if American film and television producers were being driven out of business by mass-produced foreign films and programming of-fered at prices that American producers could not meet

I see no good reason why Europe-an governments should not subsidize films and television, just as they subsidize orchestras, theaters and opera and ballet companies, if that is what voters want and are willing to pay for. Creative work is not a commodity like farm produce. American popular culture, and high culture, will make its way in any case, as it always has in Europe, from the days of silent films and the Jazz Age to today's age of rock, rap — and dinosaurs.

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this asymmetry of outcome and power without loss of dignity. This quest for dignity lies at the heart of the Palesunian demand for independent statehood, and it would be foolish to believe that the conflict has any chance of being ended if this is not forthcoming in the next few years.

But I would argue that something more is needed, some change in the way the victors, the Jewish people, and artend what has harmoned understand what has happened. There are many voices today saying that it is a mistake to reopen the past, and that what is needed is to look forward, to draw the next generation into peace on the basis of prosperity. And certainly economic development is important. Yet in the end it will not be adequate.

To turn away from history is to turn away from countless loved ones and ancestors who have died and suffered over the decades. Peace cannot be built solely on the basis of pragmatism and self-advantage.

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## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Zola on Journalism LONDON - The London papers

continue to discuss M. Zola's paper "Anonymity in Journalism," and last night's [Sept. 23] Evening Standard had a leaderette on the subject. The Standard commends M. Zola's broadmindedness when dealing with English customs, which differ from those of his own country. But it joins issue with him on one vital point. It holds that an influential journal should lead opinion and not be merely a reflex of its readers' ideas.

1918: Villages Bombed

PARIS - German frightfulness is now trying itself out on the civilian population of the villages which the Germans have evacuated in the Saint-Mihiel salient. Incendiary shells are being sent almost constantly into villages behind the lines. During the German occupation of these

the French would not bomb or shell so long as there was danger of killing women and children.

1943: Italians Go South WITH THE 5TH ARMY IN ITALY

-[From our New York edition:] As the 5th and 8th Armies spread out and start their concerted advance northward, this part of Italy presents the unusual spectacle of two forces moving through each other in opposite directions. While the men, vehicles and guns of the Allied armies move northward in the wake of the German withdrawal, thousands of Italian soldiers from disbanded units are heading south toward the sanctuary of southern Italy. The Italians are streaming along the roadside in groups ranging up to 100. They trudge in single file along dusty roads filled with British and American Army vehicles. Many are barefoot. They beg for cans of American C rations and cigarettes towns the civilian population lived in perfect security because they knew American C rations and cigarettes as they pass the American troops.

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OPINION

# The Logic of a U.S. Strategy of Enlargement

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date and even celebrate the differences

A major challenge is the fact that most

conflicts are taking place within nations rather than among them. These conflicts

are typically highly complex. We need a

healthy wariness about our ability to shape solutions for such disputes.

that the pulse of the planet has acceler-

ated dramatically. Computers, faxes, fi-

ber-optic cables and satellites speed the

flow of information. The world's accel-

cration creates new and diverse ways for

us to exert our influence, but increases

the likelihood that if we do not, rapid

events may overwhelm us. In such a world, our interests and our ideals com-

pel us not only to be engaged but to lead. In a real-time world of change and infor-

mation, it's all the more important that

our leadership be steadied around our

common purpose. That purpose can be found in the underlying rationale for our engagement throughout this century.

As we fought aggressors and contained

communism, our engagement abroad was animated both by calculations of power and by this belief: that to the extent

democracy and markets hold sway in other nations, our own nation will be

more secure, more prosperous and more

influential, while the broader world will

tained a global threat to market democra-

cies. Now we should seek to enlarge their

peace prospects would look far better.

The significance of this agreement

lies in its historic value; implacable

enemies shaking hands is something

At any rate, there really is no cause for

concern. Israel still holds all the cards

and the power to eventually rescind any

See Subsection 14-C (2b)

Regarding "Nearly Half U.S. Adults Have Impaired Literacy" (Sept. 10):

forms we have to decipher. From "simpli-

fied" tax returns to bus schedules, forms

The problem is not literacy, but the

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the world can use.

agreement it does not like.

Throughout the Cold War, we con-

be more humane and peaceful.

The fourth feature of this new era is

policies toward the world are at a crossroads. For half a century, America's engagement in the world revolved around the containment of a hostile Soviet Union. Our efforts helped block Soviet expansionism, they helped topple Communist repression, and they secured a great victory for human freedom.

Clearly, the Soviet Union's collapse enhances our security, but it also requires us to think anew. With the end of the Cold War, there is no longer a consensus among the American people around why or even whether our nation should remain actively engaged in the world. Calls from the left and right to stay at home are reinforced by the rhetoric of neo-knownothings. Those of us who believe in the imperative of our international engagement must push back.

As Bill Clinton sought the presidency, he not only pledged a domestic renaissance but vowed to engage actively in the world in order to increase our prosperity, update our security arrange-

ments and promote democracy abroad.

As president, Mr. Chinton has pursued those goals vigorously. We have led a global effort to support the historic reforms in Russia and the others. forms in Russia and the other newly independent states. We have helped defend democracy in Haiti and Guatemala. We have facilitated major advances in the Middle East peace process. We have pursued steps with our Group of Seven part-ners to stimulate world economic growth. We have placed our relations with Japan on a new foundation and set a vision for a new Pacific community. We are putting in place practical policies to preserve the environment and to limit the spread of weapons. We have proceeded with sweeping reductions in nuclear arms and declared a moratorium on testing. We have struggled with the complex tragedy in Bosnia. And we have worked to complete our mission of ensuring last-

Demythologizing Peace

- Sept. 6):

Regarding "Beyond Rivers of Blood and an Abyss of Suffering" (Opinion,

Amos Oz and his welcome endorse-

ment of the agreement between Israel

and the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

tion proves at the same time why we had

to wait so long for this breakthrough.

Israeli myths Mr. Oz repeats: that the

conflict began with Arab attacks on "re-

turning" Jews (and not with exclusively

Jewish acquisition of Arab land); that it

continued with repeated Jewish proposals

of compromise to the Arabs (and not

with the well documented opposition to

Among the main obstacles were the

By Anthony Lake

The writer is national security adviser to President Bill Clinton. ing relief from starvation in Somalia. growth. Yet none of these threats holds

Stating our purpose is neither academic nor rhetorical. What we do outside our borders has immediate and lasting consequences for all Americans. I believe four facts are salient.
First, America's core concepts, de-

mocracy and market economics, are more broadly accepted than ever before. Over the past 10 years the number of democracies has nearly doubled, and since 1970 the number of significant command economies has dropped from 10 to three. This victory of freedom is

practical, not ideological Billions of people are simply concluding, based on hard experience, that democracy and markets are the most productive and liberating ways to organize their lives. Democracy and market economics are ascendant, but they are not every-

where triumphant. There remain vast areas where democracy and market economics are, at best, new arrivals. But it is wrong to assume these ideas will be embraced only by the West. Culture does shape politics and economics, but the idea of freedom has universal appeal. Thus, we have arrived at neither the end of history nor a clash of civilizations, but a moment of immense democratic and entrepreneurial opportunity, and we must not waste it.

The second feature of this era is that we are its dominant power. We have the world's strongest military, its largest economy, and its most dynamic multiethnic society. Our leadership is sought

Absent a reversal in Russia, there is now no credible, near-term threat to America's existence. Serious threats remain: terrorism, proliferating weapons, ethnic conflicts and the degradation of our global environment. Above all, we threatened by sluggish economic

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let us hope that the new relationship

ess. Only by acknowledging one's

JOHN BUNZL

between the two peoples will end mutual

misperceptions and insensitive self-righ-

own role in creating and perpetuating the conflict does real confidence-build-

Transcending the Military

Regarding "An Enormous Risk for Israel" (Opinion, Sept. 9):

Depicting the Palestinians as "the weakest of all parties to Arab-Israeli

conflict" is probably accurate, militarily speaking. What Charles Kranthammer

fails to grasp is that the current agree-

ing become possible.

reach. The successor to a doctrine of containment must be a strategy of en-largement, the enlargement of the world's free community of market democracies. We must not, however, allow this to the same immediate dangers for us as did Nazi conquest or Soviet expansiondrive us into overreaching actions. I see four components to a strategy ism. America's challenge is to lead on

of enlargement. the basis of opportunity more than fear. First, we should strengthen the com-The third notable aspect of this era is an explosion of ethnic conflicts. Only munity of major market democracies, liberal democracy can safely accommo-

including our own Second, we should foster and consolidate new democracies and market econ-

omics, especially in states of special significance and opportunity. Third, we must counter the aggression and support the liberalization of states

hostile to democracy and markets. And fourth, we need to pursue our manitarian agenda not only by providing aid, but by working to help democra-cy and market economics take root in regions of greatest humanitarian concern. Of course a host of caveats must ac-

company a strategy of enlargement. For one, we must be patient. Our strategy must be pragmatic. It must view democracy broadly and respect diversity. Today our relations with Europe and Canada and Japan are basically sound,

but they suffer from an economic prob-

lem and from a military problem. With hard times in all our nations, we face the possibility of creating victous rather than virtuous circles of international economic action. Unless the maior market democracies act together updating international economic institutions, coordinating macroeconomic policies and striking hard but fair bargains on the ground rules of open trade, the fierce competition of the new global economy, coupled with the end of our common purpose in the Cold War, could drive us into prolonged stagnation

or even economic disaster The military problem involves NATO. If NATO is to remain an anchor for European and Atlantic stability, its members must commit themselves to updating NATO's role in this new era. Unless NATO is willing to assume a broader role, it will lose public support,

of trans-Atlantic and European security. The second imperative for our strategy must be to help democracy and markets expand and survive in other places where we have the strongest security concerns and where we can make the greatest difference. This is not a democratic crusade. It is a pragmatic commitment to see freedom take hold where

and all our nations will lose a vital bond

that will help us most. Our efforts must be demand-driven. They must focus on nations whose people are pushing for reform or have secured it. Clearly, the most important example is the former Soviet Union.

Continuing the great strides toward democracy and markets in our emerging Western Hemisphere community of democracies also must be a key concern. and we should be on the lookout for states whose entry into the camp of market democracies may influence the direction of an entire region. South Afri-ca and Nigeria now hold that potential. the world, for China will increasingly be

# And Let the Rest Kill Themselves Off?

N EW YORK — In "The Real World Order: Zones of Peace; Zones of Turmoil," Max Singer and Aaron Wildavsky set out a provocative argument that one might like to reject out of hand, but I cannot, Basically, they argue that 85 percent of the world, the zones of turnooil, is just hopeless, and we might as well ignore them until they kill enough of them-

#### MEANWHILE

selves to settle down into zones of peace, if they ever do.

The crux of the argument appears on the seventh page: "There is no policy that the United States and the other democracies can follow that will prevent the zones of turnoil and development from having coups and revolutions, civil and international wars, and internal massacres and bloody repression ... For the zones of turmoil as a whole, stability is at best a meaningless goal."

The "zones of peace" are essentially

the United States and Canada, Westem Europe and Japan, along with a few other places like Australia and New Zealand and, in time, perhaps Mexico, Indonesia and the PhilipBy Richard Reeves

pines. The "zones" of turmoil are everyplace else — that 85 percent of world population living in Sarajevo, Mogadishu and thousands of other miserable places. The authors say their work is opti-

mistic, reasoning that the peaceful countries are finally beyond war among themselves and that some or many of the countries in turnoil will inevitably move toward democracy and prosperity after decades of slaughter and famine. (They make the harsh point that during the 20th century, 40 million people have died in international wars while 100 million have been killed by their own governments.)

But that argument for optimism is made on the next-to-last page. Earlier, Messrs. Singer and Wildavsky con-clude that "military force will be the ultimate determinant of what happens in the zones of turmoil." And, they add, the dominant countries in those zones will be the ones which possess nuclear and chemical weapons, because "the democracies will be reluctant to intervene in conflicts against a country armed with nuclear weapons."

on reinventing U.S. foreign policy: "In the current world order there is no good basis for a long-term political or strategic policy for the United States in the zones of turmoil ... We will achieve our basic foreign policy goals - the long-term protection of American freedom and peace — without doing anything, as long as the most powerful nations continue to be democracies. Therefore, foreign policy will not have the same kind of impor-tance to the United States in the next

world order as it has had in the past." I doubt that, beginning with the thought that China will be one of the most powerful of nations before it becomes a democracy. The book also argues that America should go ahead with development and deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative anti-missile shield, which I find ludicrous.

But I respect many of the arguments in "The Real World Order." And I am more comfortable with a see-no-evil extension of George Washington's fear of entangling foreign alliances than with the embarrassing pretense that America is actually willing and able to pacify the zones of turmoil.

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The third element of our strategy of enlargement should be to minimize the ability of states outside the circle of democracy and markets to threaten it. We should expect the advance of de-

mocracy and markets to trigger forceful reactions from those whose power is not popularly derived. When such leaders sit atop regional powers such as Iran and Iraq, they may engage in violence and lawlessness that threaten the United States and other democracies.

Our policy toward such states so long as they act as they do must seek to isolate them diplomatically, militarily, economically and technologically. When the actions of such states directly threaten our people, our forces or our vital interests. we must be prepared to strike back uni-laterally, as we did when Iraq plotted to try to assassinate former President George Bush. We must always maintain the military power necessary to deter or defeat aggression by these regimes.

Some anti-democratic states will opt

to pursue greater wealth by liberalizing their economic rules. Sooner or later, however, these states confront the need to liberalize the flow of information and to tolerate the rise of an entrepreneurial class. Both developments weaken despotic rule and lead over time to rising demands for democracy.

We cannot impose democracy on regimes that appear to be opting for liberalization, but we may be able to help steer some of them down that path by providing penalties that raise the cost of

repression and aggressive behavior. These efforts have special meaning for our relations with China. That relaa major world power. It is in the interests of both of our nations for China to continue its economic liberalization while respecting the human rights of its people and international norms regarding weapons sales. We seek a stronger relationship with China that reflects both our values and our interests.

Our policies toward the Islamic world provide another example. Let me emphasize this point: Our nation respects the many contributions that Islam has made to the world. We will extend every expression of friendship to those of the Islamic faith who abide in peace and tolerance, but we will providê every resistance to militants who distort Islamic doctrines and seek to expand their influence by force.

The fourth part of our strategy involves our humanitarian goals. Our humanitarian actions nurture the American public support for our engagement abroad. Our humanitarian efforts also can stimulate democratic and market development in many areas of the world, and ultimately the world trusts our leadership in that broader effort in part because it witnesses our humanitarian deeds. We plan to work with Congress close-

ly to reform our array of aid programs, to focus them more strategically and efficiently on the promotion of democracy and markets, on environmentally sustainable development and on early responses to social and economic chaos. There will be relatively few intrana-tional ethnic conflicts that justify our

military intervention. Where we can make a difference, as in Somalia and northern Iraq, we should not oppose using our military forces for humanitarian purposes simply because those missions do not resemble major wars for territory.

Today, some suggest that multilateralism should be our presumptive mode of engagement. Others suggest that it must not, that it is inherently flawed.

This debate is important, but it is dangerous in the rigidity of the doctrines that are being asserted. Few who be-moan multilateralism today object to NATO, or the IMF, or the GATT, and it is beyond debate that multilateral action has certain advantages. It can spread the cause of action, as in our efforts to support Russian reform. It can foster global support, as with our coalition in the Gulf War, It can ensure comprehensiveness, as in our export control regimes. And it can succeed where no action, where no nation acting alone could have done so, as in Cambodia.

I would go further and state my personal hope that the habits of multilaterahism may one day enable the rule of law to play a far more civilizing role in the conduct of nations as envisioned by the founders of the United Nations. But for any official with responsibilities for our security policies, only one overriding factor can determine whether the United States should act multilaterally or uniteterally, and that is America's interests. We should act multilaterally where doing so advances our interests, and we should act unilaterally when that will serve our purpose. The simple question in each in-stance is this: What works best?

This has been excerpted by the International Herald Tribune from an address on Tuesday at the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies.

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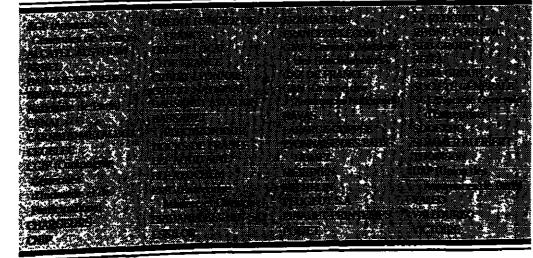
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Arquette and Slater in "True Romance"; Fiona Shaw with upper hand on Kathleen Turner in "Undercover Blues."

The Rainbow Bridge Directed by Zenzo Matsuya-

ma. Japan. The little people of Kyoto apparently led dreadful lives dur-ing the old days but they learned to put up with a lot and stayed decent. At least this is what they do in this costumer about the folks under the samurai. A young girl is sent to the brothel, her right-thinking brother kills their father for the deed; a boy loses his childhood sweetheart when the young master of the big house makes clear his intentions. Yet, despite the buckets of tears there are also wreaths of smiles and the large, young cast cries and grins with abandon. It is also encouraged to grossly overact, no longer knows how to wear kimonos and betrays with every gesture a youth mispent before the tube. Perhaps it is no longer possible in Japan to make historical pictures such as this. The sets now look like old-Edo theme-parks, and the young forms and faces are no longer

nourished by gohan and miso-shiru but by Coke and Big Mac. ess director Matsuyama, pupil of Keisuke Kinoshita and thus heir to such sentimentfilled melodrama, works with dedication and energy and the results will certainly receive the Ministry of Education's en-

(Donald Richie, IHT)

True Romance

Directed by Tony Scott, U. S. "True Romance," a vibrant, grisly, gleefully amoral road movie directed by Tony Scott and dominated by the machismo of Quentin Tarantino (who wrote this screenplay before he directed "Reservoir Dogs"), is sure to offend a good-sized segment of the moviegoing population. But those viewers are the ones who would never go to see a film starring Christian Slater in the first place, and who have no taste for the malevolently funny bad-boy posturing that is the very essence of "True Ro-

. THE WOMEN WERE SO SCARCE THAT

MEN QUEUED UP along the main verandah of the hotel to spy on them as they made their way in to dinner. At the time there were 8 men to every woman

in Singapore, you understand, and the verandah quickly became well known as "Cad's Alley".

mance." Its title notwithstanding, this film is about tough guys. Practically every dyed-inthe-wool contemporary heavy is on hand, each of them thoroughly enjoying Tarantino's arch, colorful dialogue and the ripe opportunities it provides. The story also has a heroine, a jiggly, bird-brained call girl named Alabama Whitman. Though played with surprising. sweetness by Patricia Arquette, Alabama will do nothing to melt the hearts of those who object to films like this one on principle. Compared with other recent works of sadism-laced marginalia ("Kalifornia" and "Hard Target" come to mind),
"True Romance" has a lot more consistency and a much surer sense of dark humor. "True Romance" has occasional moments of very ugly violence, which it savors just as much as it enjoys wickedly tongue-incheek wisecracks and reveries.

**Undercover Blues** Directed by Herbert Ross.

(Janet Maslin, NYT)

Because it relies so heavily on mariners identified with either the James Bond or "Thin Man" movies, you might suspect that "Undercover Blues" would be a sort of hybrid rip-off. The new film also uses New Orleans locations with the tenacity of a sightseer who won't rest until his feet bleed. Bad signs, all. Possibly because of those signs, or at least in part, "Undercover Blues" turns out to seem a most genial

surprise, a comic update of Cold War espionage movies that, be-cause of the New Orleans loca-tion, has the enhanced charm of a stolen holiday. It stars Kathleen Turner and Dennis Quaid, playing extremely well together, as Jane and Jeff Blue, who recall Nora and Nick Charles without making you wince. Jane and Jeff are wise-cracking, loving, incredibly adept American spies on ternity leave in New Orleans with their baby daughter in con-stant tow. Exactly what agency might be employing Jane and Jeff is never clear, though they have apparently worked for both the CIA and the FBL When first met, they have just arrived in New Orleans to get away from it all. Jeff immediately makes a lifetime enemy of Muerte (Stanley Tucci), a vicious but hilariously incompetent mager he calls Morty. The next day they are enlisted to track down an international super-criminal named Novacek (Fiona Shaw), who was once the head of the secret police in Communist Czechoslovakia. The woman has apparently stolen a half-dozen containers of a new plastic explosive so dangerous that even the U.S. Army won't use it. It's beyond analyzing how Jane, Jeff, Muerie and Novacek all happen to come together for the frenetic climax in a Louisiana salt mine. Somehow they do. The movie has enough style to

(Vincent Canby, NYT)

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# A Return Trip to Vietnam

The writer served as a U.S. soldier in Viet-

By Andrew Ranard

U CHI, Vietnam - An hour's drive from Ho Chi Minh City, you can visit one of the most remarkable engineering feats of any war, the remnants of the Cu Chi tunnels, a 250kilometer network.

The U.S. helicopter on display in the jungle near the tunnels has "Charlie Don't Surf" scribbled in the grime on its cockpit glass. "Charlie" was the American soldiers' mickname for the Victoong, so it was not clear if this had been left by a soldier decades ago, a

returning American veteran or a caretaker.

On a patio, a video in English began. The music was uplifting when it accompanied footage of the guerrillas building the tunnels. and ominous and discordant when the B-52s dropped bombs. "Fire rained on our home-land day and night," it said. "Cn Chi, the land of iron and steel, became the brave symbol of

the undaunted courage of the guerrillas."

A guide took me through the tunnels. "All this area was rubber trees and forest before the American forces destroyed it in 1968," he began, stopping at a shelter that had been built for visitors over an open tunnel entrance. We descended for the first of five or six times. The tunnels were different than described in "The Tunnels of Cu Chi," Tom Mangold and John Penycate's account of the underground war — harrowing descriptions of the "tunnel rats," soldiers whose job it was to crawl through the tunnels to flush out the

Vietcong. The tunnels have been enlarged for tourists and are about a meter high. If you stooped to half your height, you could crabwalk through them. The guide led with a flashlight. The first tunnel was four or five meters long, then emptied into a chamber where you could stand. The terror of living in these tunnels, or entering them on a search and destroy mission, was palpable. Up on the surface again, the guide pointed out a wooden camouflaged trapdoor entrance to the tunnels under a pile of leaves. This was the way the Vietnamese guerrillas had made them, he said, modifying his statement a moment later by adding that the real trapdoors were half this size.

leaves so that the Alsatian dogs that the American soldiers used to search for tunnels could not detect the smell of the guerrillas, he said. The guerrillas had also bathed with American soap to mislead the dogs. The guide was a lean, fit man who looked about 35. After prodding he said that he was from Cu Chi and that he had fought as a guerilla

for nine years. His age was 47, he said, and with that he returned to his presentation. The vents had also been camoullaged with leaves and pieces of American uniforms. He explained how boo-

The tunnels at Cu Chi have been enlarged so that tourists can see them.

by traps, filled with sharpened bamboo sticks, sometimes with poison on their tips, were placed near tunnel entrances, and American soldiers had often fallen into them.

The American soldiers could not win in the tunnels," he said. "All the tunnel rats were killed in the tunnels. It was not a successful tactic. After the American soldiers gained experience, they usually used chemi-cal gas or smoke in the tunnels. The American soldiers could not win in the tunnels because the tunnels were curved and the Vietnamese guerrillas would be waiting for them around the corners."

That was an exaggeration: The death rate of tunnel rats was high, but some survived. "The Tunnels of Cu Chi" also makes the case that the tunnels lost their effectiveness after the Tet offensive of 1968, when U. S. forces, through carpet bombing and bulldozers on the ground, razed the Cu Chi area. Had he fought in the tunnels? He had. Had he been in combat with U.S. soldiers in them? It was a long time ago, he said. "Are you ready to go down again?" We passed through a longer "We passed through a longer tunnel and entered a chamber that had served as a hospital. We emerged and I asked again whether he had ever had encounters with

He lifted it. The Vietnamese guerrillas put soldiers in the tunnels? He stopped and pieces of American uniforms around the peered at me with curiosity. "Yes, I did." What happened? "A soldier came down and fell into a trap." He lifted his arms like a man firing a rifle. "I was waiting around the corner. When the other soldiers came to remove him, I fired and killed them."

We emerged and descended again, and this time we entered a small chamber, with a hammock in it, which had been the quarters of the commander of the Cu Chi guerrillas. From here, we passed through another tunnel into a larger chamber with a long table. Here, the Tet Offensive of 1968 had been planned, he claimed, though I wondered if this was

another re-creation. If this was the chamber he said it was, we now stood where the blunder that had won the war for the north was designed. Credible histories on the war written in the United States maintain that Tet 1968 was planned with the expectation of causing a popular uprising in the South. However, nothing of the sort occurred. Guerrilla losses were severe — up to 50,000 deaths according to Stanley Karnow's book, "Vietnam: A History" — and included many upper-echelon officers.

Tet so devastated the Vietcong, in fact, that afterward the war could only be continued in the South with heavy infusions of North Vietnamese Army regulars.

After Tet the Vietcong were demoralized,

but they encountered a windfall: disillusion was greater among Americans. The bungled offensive, which included a sensational but unsuccessful attack on the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, brought the confusion and panic of Tet into American homes through television. Washington's will to fight evaporated. For the north and the Vietcong, Tet was a pyrrhic,

and partly accidental, victory.

Later, in the day's last tunnel, the guide returned to his deliberate, officious tone: Now we will eat the food of the Vietnames guerrillas." It was two tiny cups of tea and stalks of tapioca. "It is good that we have peace now," he said. "We can sit and talk like this." His remark deserved something equally profound, but all I could manage was, "Yes, it is." I wondered about the official interpretations of history from his side. But what did it matter 20 years after the war? The tunnels

# Sour Mood in a Seaside Resort

UNG TAU, Vietnam - I met Tam through a typical Ho Chi Minh City encounter. A pedicab driver was taking me to Cholon, the Chinese quarter, and Tam pulled up alongside on his bicycle and began a conversation while we

"Sir, may I practice my English with you?" he asked. "Certainly," I replied. I imagined the conversation would last a kilometer or so. "I mean no harm, sir," he said. "I only want to practice my English."

Tam said he was a university student who

hoped to work his way through college as a tour guide, and he offered to show me around Cholon. Because I was the first foreigner he had approached like this, he insisted that he not be paid for his services. I took him up, and before the day was finished, he had picked up a neighbor's scooter for greater convenience, and I had visited his home and met his sister.

formerly Cap St. Jacques, a seaside resort 128 kilometers (80 miles) southeast of Ho Chi Minh City, on the scooter the following day. Tam was 19, and when I subtracted the years, I realized that he hadn't even been born when I did my tour in Vietnam in 1970-1971.

Vung Tan had been a rest and recreation resort for the Americans and Australians, who also had bases there. Downtown was filled with dance halls, bars and heavily made-up women among soldiers and engineers who wheeled in and out of the clubs listening to the rock music of the '60s. I wanted to see Vung Tau to clarify my memo-

By Stuart Elliott

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spending consumers in their 20s and 30s as overall beer consump-

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HAT: A brew pro-duced partly in freez-ing temperatures is the newest fad in an

the old Grand Hôtel with its pond of dirty water and weedy garden, and the beach

bungalows and restaurants on the Back Beach. Towns have moods, and I found Vung Tau's had gone sour. The Back Beach had not changed, but as I had been warned in Ho Chi Minh City and not been able to remember, the beach was dirty. Downtown, the colonial buildings had been preserved and renovated. The Grand Hôtel's facelift had destroyed its few redeeming features. Now it is a slab of concrete, with a large empty restaurant and a massage parlor in the lobby. By the Front Beach, the concessions and cafes were still there, but teenagers with tattoos hung about and the waitresses were sullen.

"Are you ready to leave?" I asked Tam after 10 minutes of shifting reflections. We spent the next hour looking for traces of the old American military base but it had vanished. Racing through town, I realized how dirty the back streets were. I did not vividly recall this seediness during the war except in squatters' areas.

"The people think you're Russian," Tam said. This made sense for after the War, Vietsovpetro, a Vietnamese-Soviet offshore oil enterprise, had set up in Vung Tau and was still there. By all accounts, the Russians are strongly disliked.

Of Vung Tan, which had been a danse macabre during the war, only the macabre remained. Tam explained that Vung Tau is popular with the Vietnamese but that they only come down from Ho Chi Minh City for ries of that time and because I had read travel day trips to the beach and avoid the down-stories promoting Vung Tau as the tourist town area. I had already rented a room, but paradise of Vietnam.

I could recall the stately, though deteriorating. French colonial architecture of Yung Tan, rant to cancel the deal with the man who had rant to cancel the deal with the man who had rented the room to me.

I had spent time talking to this man earlier in the day. He had been a captain in the South Vietnamese Army and had done six years in a re-education camp, the standard sentence for men of his rank. No, people had not been beaten in the camps, he said, but prisoners had been shot if they had tried to escape. Many had died of disease. On the average day, the prisoners had been taken out to the fields at 6 A. M., worked until 11 A. M., were brought back to the prison for lunch until 1 P. M., and then returned to the fields again until 5 or 6 in the evening

HE main complaint was that there was not enough food, Many of the refugees who had left Vietnam by boat years earlier had left from Vung Tau, and I asked him about this. Had the refugees left from this beach, from little the small boats had taken them out to larger boats which they had changed to at sea.

The former captain and I drank for an hour and then posed for a photograph. He was a half-foot shorter than me, but he reached up and put his arm on my shoulder for the

snapshot.

Tam was getting anxious. We must leave soon, he said.

The road from Vung Tau to Ho Chi Minh City is not lighted and there are bandits. On the ride back, Tam opened up the scooter to its maximum speed. "Can you fight?" he asked. The sun was setting and we still had half of the journey ahead of us.

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cesses and products intended to cleaner taste.

pique the interest of fickle, free ICE, ICE, BABY: The brewing cleaner taste. process can also yield a beer with more alcohol by weight than con-ventional brands: 4.4 percent, compared with the average 3.6 percent. So think of it as a yappie version of

> WHERE: Ice beer first became available in Germany and Canada, countries known for their beers, or at least for their beer drinkers. It has captured 10 percent of the Canadian market since dueling brands were introduced there in mid-March by the biggest brewer-ies, Labatt and Molson.

RED, WHITE & BLUE ICE: Ice beer migrated to the U.S. in August, when Molson's American unit began importing Molson Ice to test markets in Michigan and Atlanta. Based on "gratifying results," dis-tribution will expand to about 20 new American partner,

As for the No.1 American brewer, Anheuser-Busch Inc., it is rush-ing Ice Draft from Budweiser into bars and restaurants in 13 Western states. It's to arrive on Oct. 4, Ice beers are priced the same as each company's major brands.

WHY? From the 1960s to the mid-1980s, the American beer industry consolidated its operations and homogenized its offerings to the point where it appeared that drinkers were acquiescing to an inexorable



their choices to two: Budweiser and light beers. But since then, their palates have rebelled, craving alter-

IEAR THIS Down memory lane: Good and Plenty is 100 years old, making it, reportedly, Ameri-ca's oldest brand-name candy. The press release tells us other things happened in 1893; the first Ferris wheel, America's first 18-hole golf course and the birth of Cole Porter.

gust A. Busch IV, vice president of Budweiser brands marketing at began importing Moison Ice to test markets in Michigan and Atlanta. Based on "gratifying results," distribution will expand to about 20 states. Expediting that expansion is the Miller Brewing Co., the United like Miller Genuine Draft.

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Anheuser-Busch. "It's 'the coldest draft beer around." With ice beer, he added, "We're looking for a long-term success, not just a one-time Miller Genuine Draft.

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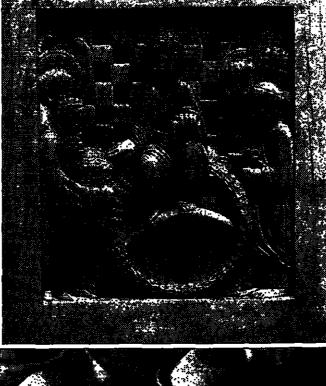
> IS ICE NICE? In a taste test of a couple of bottles of Molson Ice— Budweiser's Ice Draft was not available for sampling — it was crisp and bittersweet — first bitter, then sweet — with a full, grain-like effect. But it was not so strikingly different or incredibly better to dispel notions that ice beer might be just another marketing gimmick.

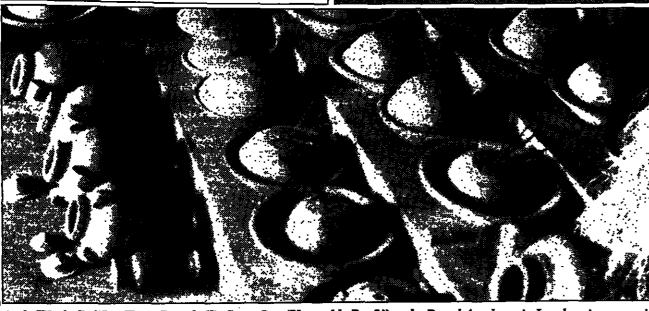
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Andy Warhol's "Big Torn Campbell's Soup Can (Vegetable Beef)" at the Royal Academy in London; ivory carving in Hildesheim, Germany: "Altar to Omo-Olu" in the Museum for African Art in New York.

#### **AUSTRIA**

Resort

Salzburg Rupertinum (tel: 80.42.25.41). To Oct. 17: "Rouault, Malerel und Gra-phik." More than 100 prints and 80 paintings reflecting Rouault's favorite themes: the suffering of Jesus Christ, prostitutes, poverty, clowns and

Albertina (tel: 534.83). To Nov. 14:
"Landscape Art in the Age of Rembrandt." Features a selection of Dutch drawings from the 16th and 17/in certuras by Bruggier the Elder, Bioemaert, Avercamp, and Ruysdael, as well as a selection of Rembrandt's landscape drawings. Kunsthaus (tel: 712 04 95). To Oct. 3: "Annie Leibovitz: Photographian

3: "Annie Leibovitz: Photographien 1970-1990," 160 photographien 1970-1990," 160 photographien provide a teachading insight into the artist's 20-year career: black-and-white photos in the 1970s, portraits in the 1980s. By placing her eithers in unfamiliar settings, Leibovitz invites the viewer to look at familiar faces as if for the first time.

Museum of the 20th Century (tel: 78.25.50). To Nov. 7: "Wolfgang Pasien: Between Surrealism and Abstraction." A retrospective of 120 pleces, mainly oil palntings, created from 1924 to 1959. Paalen, a painter and sculptor associated with the inner circle of Surrealists, participated in their exhibitions. In 1939 he emigrated to Mexico, exerting a strong influence of the development of Mexican contemporary art.

#### BELGIUM

Antwerp
Ethnographical Museum (tel: 231.20.56). To Dec. 31: "The Face of the Spirits: Masks from Zaire." Painted wooden masks representing natural spirits or ancestors used in Zaire ceremonies such as the initiation of young men, funerals, or judgment of thieves.
L'Europe à Table (tel: 233.02.94). To Dec. 31. Several museums explore the world of gastronomy: the Musee Plantin exhibits recipe books dating back to the 17th century; the

dating back to the 17th century; the Bourse du Commerce hosts an exhibition of drawings, books, and objects used in the dining norms of the Antwerp bourgeoisle at the turn of the century, and the Maison dee Brasseurs reveals the secrets of beer production. duction.

Europalia 93 Mexico (tel: 507.85.94) To Dec. 19: This 12th Art and Culture Festival will offer exposure to Mexican culture and tolkore through 15 exhibitions and 50 concerts as wall as theater performance. certs, as well as theater perfor-mences and films.

Palais des Beaux-Arts (tel: 507.84,80). To Dec. 19: "The Eagle and the Sun: 3000 Years of Maxican Art". The Eagle terms of Maxican Art." Art." Two hundred items coming trom the best Mexican museums display the diversity of Mexican culture and arts over 30 centuries.

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Galeries Nationales du Grand Pa-

1994: "Nabis: Bonnard, Vuillard, Maurice Denis, Vallotton — 1888-1900." Three hundred works by the group of young artists who exhibited together in the lest decade of the 19th century and whose common style was partly derived from Gauguin's flat pattern compositions. Fans, screens, tapestries and illustrated books are included.

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Musée d'Orsay (tel: 40 49 48 65).

To Jan. 2: "From Cezanne to Matisse: Masterpleces from the Barnes
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The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To Nov. 15: "Picasso the Drafts-man." More than 100 chawings in a variety of techniques from the collec-tion of Marina Picasso, the painter's

#### Florence

Palazzo Strozzi (tel: 282 635). Sept. 25 to Oct. 11: "Mostra Mercato Internazionale dell'Antiquariato." Eighty antique dealers will exhibit paintings, sculptures, drawings and antique turniture, as well as Art Nouveeu and Art Deco pieces.

Palazzo Ducale (tel: 56.24.40) To Oct. 31: "Carpets from the Central Asian Nomads." More than 100 car-pets from the 18th and 19th centuries on loan from the State Museum of Ethnography in St. Petersburg.

Hiroshima Hiroshima Museum of Art (tel: 082.223.2530). To Oct. 17: "Nicholes de Stael." Oil paintings and sketches by the Russian-born painter who was especially influenced by

A French creation of 1912, in Philadelphia hat show.

among others are Cezanne's "Les Grandes Balgneuses" and "Les Joueurs de Cartes, "Renoir's "Le Dejauner" and Matisse's "Le Bon-heur de Vivrs." The exhibition will travel to Tokyo and Philadelphia.

Strasbourg
Ancienne Douane (tel:
88.75.10.77). To Oct. 3: "Les Dubufiet de Dubufiet." Ninety peintings and soutptures done from 1943 to 1966 as well as Ink drawings, gousches, colleges in which the French painter experiments with graffiti, daubing, and scraping. GERMANY

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Hara Museum (tel: 279.24.6585). To Dec. 19: "Contemporary Art from Portugal: Western Lines." Paintings, drawings, sculptures and photographs by eight contemporary Portuuese artists, such as Pedro Cabrita els, Juliao Sarmento and Paula

National Museum of Western Art (tel: 3828,5131), To Nov. 28: "High Renaissance in the Vatican." More than 100 masterpleces from the Vatirain Numerous and other European museums focusing on the first two decades of the 16th century, includ-ing Leonardo da Vinci's "San Gholamo," which will be on display in Japan for the first time.

#### THE NETHERLANDS

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Stedelijk Museum (tel: 57.32.911).
To Oct. 10: "John Wesley: Paintings 1963-1992." While the stereotyped, lineer style, limited color spectrum and clear representation are characteristic of his paintings, the American artist finds his subject matter in his own life, faritasies and social events. Tropenmuseum (tel: 56.88.215). To Jan. 2: "Jewelry of Old Javanese Gold: 4th-15th Centuries." Gold ornaments and ritual objects found on Java and tell about the ancient cul-tures during the Indo-Javanese perod when gold was used to mark im-portant events such as death, marriage and promotion on the social ladder.

#### SINGAPORE

World Trade Centre (1el: 354.58.05). To Oct. 3: "Tresors: The International Fine Art & Antiques Fair free randomar into Art & Artiques Fair for Asia." Antique dealers and art galleries from all over the world will offer collectors Old Master paintings, Oriental and Western works of art, silver, jewelry, textiles, carpets, as well as works by modern and contamporary artists.

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Fondation Pierre Gianadda (tel: 22.39.78). To Nov. 21: "Edgar Degas: 1834-1917." More than 70 sculptures and 130 paintings, sketches and drawings of Degas' tavorite themes: horses, ballerinas, prostitutes and bathers.

#### UNITED STATES

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Kimbell Art Museum (tel:
817.332.8451). To Dec. 12: "Glambatista Tiepolo: Master of the Oil
Sketch." A selection of 63 smalloil
sketches tracing the 18th-century
Venetian painter's development from
the lighthearted mythology of his early work through the fervent religious
paintings produced at the end of his
life in Spain.

New York

New York Museum for African Art (tel: 212.966.1313). To Jan. 7: "Face of the Gods." African religious art from four distinct visual traditions: Yoruba, Fon, Elagham and Kongo. The exhi-bition focuses attention on African civilizations, culture and ritual in art-making and its impact in the New

Whitney Museum of American Art (tel: 212.570,3633). To Oct. 10: "Hand-Painted Pop: American Art In Transition, 1955-1962." The exhibition demonstrates the slow evolution from Abstract Expressionism to Pop Art and Includes works by Larry Rivers, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Andy Warhol and Grace Hartigen. by her son; in another, she emerges as a snobbish Yankee, who must be

# Pasadena Norton Simon Museum (tel: 818.449.68.40). "Encountering the Dutch Likeness: Portrature in 17thCentury Holland." A new permanent exhibition celebrates the Golden Age of Dutch portraiture with works by Rembrandt, Jan Steen, Nicolaes Maes and Jan Lievens.

Philadelphia Museum of Art (tel: 215.684.7860). To Nov. 28: "Ahead of Fashion: Hats of the 20th Centuof Fashion: Hais or the 20th Certil-ry." The exhibition features extrava-gant hais created in Paris at the turn of the century, headgears trimmed with feathers, birds, flowers and veg-etables, and creations by today's American, British or French millinery designers.

# A Circus Juggler Finds His Roots

By Brad Spurgeon International Heroid Tribune

ILLERS-SUR-MER, France -When I was 18 I ran away from home and joined the circus. In addition to performing as a juggler, uni-cyclist and ventriloquist. I had to pound stakes to set up the tent and shovel elephant dung out of the ring. That and living out of a trailer broke my infatuation with the circus. I quit, and for many years I never attended one

Then I had children and vacationed in Normandy last summer and all along the coast circus posters beckoned us. In Villerssur-Mer alone, there was a different circus each week we were there.

The circus where I worked, Puck's Canadian Traveling Circus, was modeled after the single-ring European tent circuses, where a small staff of performers and rousiabouts go through the almost daily chore of setting up and knocking down the tent. But I had no idea how accurate was Puck's imitation, nor why it only lasted a few seasons, while European circuses thrive.

Now I know why, and I also know what future trips around Europe hold in store for my children. Because for little more than the cost of movie tickets, the circus is a great way to pass time when you've run out of other children's things to do.

Here's the typical routine when the circus comes to town: After we saw the posters for the Cirque Müller, a day or two before the show opened

a jeep arrived bellowing circus music and announcing: "See the African hippopota-mus, the lion and the baboons." At the market on the morning of the big day we ran into a camel while we were

buying Camembert.

That walking billboard got my 2-year-old son, Paul, and me to go and spend the rest of

the morning watching them set up the tent. Paul was riveted by the circus children jumping on the back of the hippo feeding in the open field, and he saw his first llamas, apes and lion.

When the box office opened for the 5:30 performance, we bought second-row seats for

110 francs (about \$20), and entered the tent to join the other 1,500 eager spectators.

There were 15 acts, with only about six performers, mostly the Müller family. They were not spectacular but Paul adored their joyful personalities, the bright lights, and especially the balancing act on chairs. The only time he appeared mystified was during the juggling act. He looked from the juggler to the spectators several times, as if realizing just what his dad had been up to so often with the household cutlery.

After the show, I still inched for the smell of

sawdust and returned early the next morning. There was no trace of the circus. In 24 hours it The next week we skipped the Cirque Européen that visited Villers, opting for the highly touted Cirque Bouglione in a town

five minutes drive away. Bouglione lived up to its reputation, with its superb jugglers — including two women who juggled tables with their feet. But for Paul the magician's sleight of hand was too subtle. He again appeared mystified by the fascination people had for the ventriloquist, and the "Wild West Show" frightened him. So I was delighted to see that the smaller, cheaper and less professional Cirque Müller was just as good, if not better, for a 2-year

Only one thing bothered me. At both circuses the ringmaster stopped the show for a collection for the animals

At Bouglione, Paul loved it because it took the form of a 10 franc lottery, where everyone was a winner, and Paul went into the ring to choose his prize of a balloon. But it left me questioning the honesty of the

circus. I called the Bouglione family's Cirque d'Hiver in Paris, and was told there are 17 circuses in France called Bouglione, In addition to their own large family the

name was sold as a franchise that anyone can Franck Marteyn, of the French National Association for the Development of the Circus Arts, or ANDAC, said of the animal

collection; "It's not normal. And it's not an honest practice any way it's done." Nevertheless, no one is obliged to give, and I returned from Normandy feeling that

the small European circus is thriving.

There are 150 to 200 circuses in France. and virtually every other country in Europa has a rich circus tradition. Britain has its Gerry Cottle and Billy Smart shows; Italy its Togni family; Ireland its Fossett; and Norway its Arne Arnardo.

The French government has helped circuses since 1979, first through funds from the Ministry of Culture, then, since 1986, through ANDAC funding.

RANCE also has more than 120 circus schools to train performers who are not from traditional circus families. "More and more performers are coming from the schools instead of from families," said Marteyn. Another factor that helps the European

circus is that towns are so close that traveling is quick and relatively cheap. While tent circuses in the United States

operate mainly in the summer, in Europe, they're open all year. The winter season, October through January, attracts spectators for the year-end festivities. At that time there are at least 10 circuses in Paris alone.

So if you've got children, and you're in Europe, you can't go wrong with the circus. But if ever they want to run away to join one, I trust you'll explain that most of the fun goes to the spectators, not to the roust-

# Paris Restaurants: A Chef to Watch

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

ARIS - A young chef who manages to offer a sense of refinement at bistro prices, has a knack for winning the allegiance of the show-biz crowd as well as the gastronomes, and understands that moderation and generosity at the table are not mutually exclusive, is on the road to success.

Four years after opening his flowery, flashy restaurant just off the Champs-Elysées, the 31-year-old Belgian chef Yvan Zaplatilek continues to dazzle and please. There is, to be sure, some roughness around the edges (silver salt and pepper shakers that refuse to deliver; chipped glasses; a veritable lack of elbow room at the table), yet Restanrant Yvan seems to have nicely filled a need and found its niche.

Yvan's food could be called nouvelle, modern or inventive, but whatever it is, it's sensible: Diners can feast on everything from a supremely simple steamed filet of salmon anointed with Brittany's delicate sea salt, fleur de sel, to a trencherman's robust

veal kidneys seasoned with cumin. Zaplatilek understands how to use honey, dates, spices, herbs and fresh fruit, and happily marries a compote of rosemary-flecked apples with honey-walnut ice cream or creates a salad of smoked duck with fresh, lush

His international tendencies show up in a pairing of grilled baby quail with squares of

Yvan Zaplatilek is serving inventive cuisine at bistro prices.

polenta studded with black olives, or with his ravioli of langoustines spiced with a touch of

ginger.
Some dishes are less successful than others: The tomatoes stuffed with a mix of cubed vegetables had turned to an unpleasant mush, though I loved the idea of a sauce combining goat cheese and poppy seed. And though waiters parade around offering fresh

bread from lovely linen-lined baskets, they ought to taste the bread and see how banal it really is. I'll never understand why restaurants pay more attention to the quality of their flowers than the quality of the staff of

With each of the menus — priced from 186 francs to 278 francs (about \$32 to \$50) — diners are offered both cheese (from the excellent Paris cheese shop, Marie-Anne Cantin) and dessert. Wine prices are a bit high, although there is a 160-franc Saumur-Champigny that's eminently drinkable. Desserts are fine, and range from simple rhubarb compote to an excellent nougat glace. Yvan also offers a good selection of coffees. Service is efficient, if a bit impersonal, and the tiny bar at the entry is always crowded, forcing you to wade into the restaurant, rather than enter it. But those are small beefs

for good value, and a chef worth following. Restaurant Ývan, 1 bis Rue Jean Mermoz, Paris 8. Tel.: 43.59.18.40. Closed Saturday hunch and Sunday. Dinner served until mid-night. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Visa. Menus at 168, 188, 238, 278 francs. A la carte, 250 to 350 francs, including service but not wine.

A TIDEWATER MORN- I ING: Three Tales From

By William Styron. 142 pages. \$17. Random House.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

KEY to what made William A Styron a writer can be found "A Tidewater Morning." All three stories in the book, Styron says in an author's note, represent "an events" in his own life, and in this particular tale, his alter ego, a 13-year-old boy named Paul, tries to cope with his mother's cancer and his father's grief, by distancing himself from the situation.

He focuses on the massic alter and in this walked 600 miles from Alabama to die on the land that belonged to his childhood owner.

He focuses on the music playing on the family phonograph, and re-calls the headlines of that day's calls the headlines of that day's mother's terminal illness and his morning paper: "My name is Paul father's terminal illness and his morning paper: "My name is Paul father's terminal illness and his morning paper: "My name is Paul father's terminal illness and his morning paper: "My name is Paul father's terminal illness and his morning paper: "My name is Paul father's terminal illness and his mother's termina gaze down impassively on the tions in a South only one generagrieving father and the boy pin-ioned in his arms." Indeed the language employed by The boy will learn to use this the characters to talk about non-

protective detachment as a means of coping with life's harts and losses, a means of connecting his own confusions with the alarums of the world beyond: He will become

These three stories, which depict Styron's alter ego at the ages of 10, 13 and 20, previously appeared in Esquire magazine, and taken together they form a kind of portrait of the author as a young man growing up in the Tidewater region of Virginia. There is one vexing incongruity: In one tale, Paul's mother is depicted as a liberal Northerner, appalled at the bigoted language employed

taught racial tolerance by her Southern husband. Otherwise, the three stories knit together smoothly, cutting backward and forward in time, demonstrating as so much of Styron's West won the first trick, and led a fiction does, the hold of time past second diamond. East won with the over time present, the persistence ace and shifted to the club king. and power of memory.

On the surface, these are old-

excitement Paul feels as a member of a Marine battalion about to land on Okinawa and contrasts those emotions with his memories of his father working in a Virginia shipyard, readying a battleship for war.

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• Daniel Libeskind, architect, is rereading Marcel Proust's "Re-membrance of Things Past," Mik-hail Bulgakov's "Heart of a Dog" and chapter three of Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels." He always reads several books at a time and says "I have never read a popular book."

(Ann Brocklehurst, 1HT)



And the title story depicts Paul's efforts to come to terms with his mother's terminal illness and his

whites is often startlingly racist: Paul describes a truckload of "farm Japanese as "animals with rabies."

While they're compelling enough to read, there isn't anything terribly special about any of the stories in 'A Tidewater Morning." Styron seems more comfortable

with the long-distance form of the novel, and the tales here feel vaguely attenuated and speeded up, as though they were experimental sketches for something larger.

Indeed, their main interest lies in the fact that they are a kind of Rosetta stone to Styron's previous work, an index to his preoccupations as an artist and man.

son from innocence into experience, a theme that also informs "Sophie's Choice," lies at the heart of each of these tales, as does the theme of mortality, which rumbles ominously through these pages in much the same way it does through works like "Darkness Visible" and "The Long March." In many of Styron's books, an

The awakening of a young per-

awareness of the darkness inherent in the human condition surfaces in the form of evil: slavery in "The Confessions of Nat Turner," Anschwitz in "Sophie's Choice." war in "The Long March." But while war and slavery also

Negroes" as a "jumble of rolling eyeballs and flashing teeth"; and his battalion commander refers to the insistently concerns Styron here. nip at the margins of these stories, it is their cousin death that most In fact, each of the stories in this

volume ultimately involves Paul's recognition of the fact of mortality: In "Shadrach" and "A Tidewater Morning," it is the death of another that shocks him into an awareness of life's brevity and pain; in "Love Day," it is a premonition of his own death that both forces him to leave his childhood illusions behind and empowers him to confront the contingencies of the future.

Michika Kakutani is on the staff of The New York Times.

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott T HE only operational computer network bridge game, is the Imagination Network.

On the Imagination deal shown, the South player, converted a part-score into game and rubber. In view of the part-score, East should have bid four diamonds, knowing that his partner held minor-suit length. That contract would have failed by one trick, and three hearts was headed for the same fate.

When the diamond jack was led, South expected West to have five clubs for his two no-trump bid, and his failure to lead the suit suggested that East held a singleton honor.

Preparing for the possibility that East did hold a second club, South fashioned coming of age stories.

"Love Day" depicts the fear and excitement Paul feels as a member lead of the king indicated either

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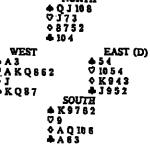
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Correction: This diagram should have appeared with the Sept. 23 bridge column. NORTH

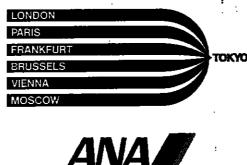


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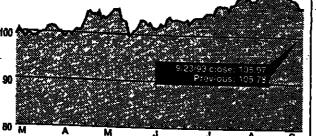


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# Viacom Sues to **Block OVC Bid**

The Associated Pres

NEW YORK - Viacom Inc. filed suit Thursday in federal court to block QVC Network Inc.'s rival multibillion dollar bid for Paramount Communications Inc., saying it was part of a conspiracy to monopolize the cable industry.

The lawsuit comes as Summer Redstone's Viacom tries to defend its own deal to acquire Paramount, a film and publishing powerhouse. Viacom agreed earlier this

Primerica nailed down terms of its purchase of Travelers. Page 14.

month to pay cash and stock for

Paramount, an offer now worth

\$7.5 billion. The cable shopping channel operator QVC made a

channel operator QVC made a competing cash and stock offer this week that is now worth \$9.9 billion. QVC, headed by Barry Diller, was backed in its bid by Liberty Media Corp., which is headed by one of the cable industry's most powerful figures, John Malone, Mr. Malone is also a top officer of Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's riggest cable system operator.

in its suit, Viacom accused Mr. Malone of a series of monopolistic actions and said the QVC bid for Paramount was "one more step in John Malone's conspiracy to monopolize" the cable industry.

Viacom's suit asks that the court order an end to monopolistic practices by TCI and Liberty, including the QVC bid for Paramount.

After a recent strong runnp, Paramount stock retreated Thursday after a newspaper report that Mr. Redstone, the Viacom chairman, said he was determined to complete his agreement to buy Paramount

# Luxury Meets Austerity France's LVMH Fears Long Downturn

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune PARIS — The French luxuryproducts industry, slumping un-der the weight of the global eco-

nomic slowdown, now has a new worry: Is the world learning to live without some of its chic

It is a question weighing par-ticularly on the top executives of LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA, France's premier prestige-goods company, which Thursday announced its earn-ings had fallen by almost one-third in the first half of 1993 and warned that the picture for next year did not appear much

brighter.
The company's stock fell 4.1 percent on the Paris Bourse on Thursday, closing at 3,924 francs (\$691.75) a share, down 168.

There is a growing fear that the boom times of the late 1980s for huxnry goods — from champagne and cognac to luggage and fountain pens — may be gone for good. The industry, facing changing consumer habits, will have to tighten its belt and make do with less for the rest of the 1990s, many industry-watchers

say.

That could be a difficult exercise for the French luxury indus-try — which is made up of more than 100 companies and employs around 26,000 people.

LVMH, which alone accounts

dustry's sales, is haunted by the similar amount of LVMH, post-specter of a continuing squeeze ed a 9 percent decline in pretax on profit as consumers, particularly in Japan, learn that they can buy champagne and cognac at sharp discounts — a fact that threatens the prestige image of the products themselves.

LVMH markets a stable of globally distributed luxury prod-ucts, including Moët & Chandon and Veuve Clicquot champagnes, Hennessy cognac, Chris-

'It's difficult to see how we will get back to the good old days.'

Sylvain Massot, analyst, Morgan Stanley.

tian Dior and Christian Lacroix perfumes and Louis Vuitton lug-

gage.
In the first half, net income dropped 28 percent, to 935 million French francs although sales rose almost 4 percent, to 10.04 billion francs. For the full year, profit is likely to be down as well, "but probably not to the extent of the first half," its finance director, Patrick Honel, said. In London, meanwhile, Guin-

ness PLC, the brewing and spirfor around two-thirds of the in- about a fifth of its equity for a

earnings, to £320 million (\$468.1 million), for the first half.

Bernard Arnault, the LVMH chairman, maintained the company's problems were temporary and not structural. "The economy is depressed, and in Japan, one of our biggest markets, I don't see a pick-up until 1995," he said. "That said, over the midterm, there will always be a strong demand for our prod-

Outsiders, however, have a decidedly less optimistic view.
"This earnings report con-

firms my worst fears," Sylvain Massot, an analyst with Morgan Stanley in London, said. "Operating margins at the group level have dropped from 24 percent in the first half of 1992 to 20 percent in the first half of 1993. That's a large decline, and it shows that the company is being hurt not only by the economic slowdown but by changing consumption patterns."

The Japanese market, which accounts for a quarter of the company's cognac sales, "is in complete disarray," Mr. Massot said, noting that bar and restaurant consumption of cognac has declined sharply as companies, squeezed by the economic slowdown, have cut entertainment "They're really stuck," said

Economy Undercuts Results at Crédit Lyonnais

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# **GPA Plan Cuts** Plane Orders By \$7.7 Billion

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches DUBLIN - Debt-crippled GPA Group Pic, the world's biggest aircraft leasing company, scaled a rescue package with General Electric Co. of the United States on Thursday that requires a \$7.7 billion cut in its order book. The plan will leave GPA under the effective control of the General

Electric's GE Capital subsidiary, which will hold an option to pur-chase a stake of around two-thirds in the leasing company.

The struggling Shannon-based company, detailing a package that took months to cement but averted almost-certain collapse, said it was cutting its new aircraft orders by more than three quarters, to 57 planes from 242. The agreement would cut GPA's aircraft bill to \$3.6 billion from

\$11.3 billion, with Boeing Co. and Airbus Industrie taking the biggest The number of planes on firm

order from Boeing has been reduced to 66 from 26, with the deliveries, originally scheduled to be completed by 1997, stretched out to 1999. Nine Boeing jets scheduled for de-livery later this year will be purchased by GE Capital, assuming GE has deals to lease them to airlines. A Boeing spokesman said the company had previously announced the cancellations that af-

The biggest loser among the air-craft manufacturers could be Airbus, the European consortium. GPA has reduced its firm orders to six from 91, although it retains options for 51 aircraft. GPA is also seeking to slash its orders from Mc-Donnell Douglas Corp. GPA and McDonnell Douglas are fighting in court over the orders and a number of related issues.

The number of firm deliveries from Fokker NV has been cut to two planes from 19. GPA said those two craft have now been purchased from existing credits and pre-delivery payments, with no sig-nificant additional outlay. Orders from Franco-Italian re-

gional jet joint venture company, ATR, have been cut to 10 from 31. But it is uncertain those 10 craft will actually be purchased. GPA said the company that holds the remaining orders, GPA-ATR Ltd., does not have committed financing for such orders.

GPA said it has canceled all 13 orders for DHC-8 aircraft from Canada's Bombardier/deHavilland. All told, GPA said, its order cut-backs have cost it \$391 million in lost deposits and other fees, although \$75 million could be recov-

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## Thinking Ahead

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# IMF: Time for 50-Year Overhaul

By Reginald Dale tional Herold Tribune

ASHINGTON - Soon after next year's 50th anniversary of the Nor-.. mandy landings, it will be time to commemorate a rather more rarefied episode from the closing stages of World War II. In July 1994, it will be half a century since economic and monetary officials of the Western Allies gathered at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, to design international financial institutions for the postwar recovery and beyond.

Most people think the Bretton Woods conference did a splendid job. They are right. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank (the so-called Bretton Woods institutions) have played a big role in ensuring greater world prosperity and

But after 50 years, many also want to review whether the institutions are in good shape for the post-Cold War world of the 1990s. They are right too. The world econo-

As this year's IMF-World Bank annual meeting gets under way in Washington, talk of reform is already in the air, and it will intensify as the anniversary

years of the Bretton Woods system were marked by stunning successes for the world economy, the bumpy second 25 years have been packed with big disappointments. That is not necessarily the fault of the Bank and the Fund. In recent years it would be fairer to blame the Group of Seven. But it is obvious that the world economy has

changed beyond all recognition since Bretton Woods. Among other upheavals, the past half-century has witnessed decolonization, oil shocks, debt crises, floating currencies, the rise of Asia, the explosion of technology and the dawn of the global

But perhaps most important, at least for the Bank and the Fund, has been the spectacular growth of the international capital market. Now that they can easily raise money elsewhere without having to submit to IMF conditions, industrial naving to submit to lear countries, industrial countries have long ceased drawing on the fund.

The the unexpected new phenomenon of the 1990s is the extent to which private money is also pouring into developing countries - or emerging

my has changed beyond recognition since Bretton Woods. draws nearer. While the smooth first 25

It is not clear how a merger would help. The two institutions still have distinct functions and different kinds of experts. A single organization would be a bureaucratic nightmare. A merger with GATT is a nonstarter for the time being — although the two should be told to cooperate much more closely — and the Delors propos-al seems to have sunk without a trace.

enterprise and privatization sweep the globe.

Meanwhile, the Fund and the Bank have moved away from their traditional roles into so-called

structural adjustment lending, aimed at transforming the economies of developing and ex-Commu-nist countries. They also are being asked to carry out missions for the Group of Seven countries

ranging from aid to Russia to, most recently, the economic development of Palestine.

Critics have some good points. They say the

Bank has become too big and bureaucratic, the functions of the Bank and the Fund increasingly overlap, the Bank is getting confused between its development mission and its new emphasis on the environment, the IMF has become impotent to

enforce exchange-rate discipline, and both could

So what is to be done? Merge the Bank and the Fund or abolish one of them, say the most radical

reformers. Merge the bank with

the General Agreement on Tar-iffs and Trade, say others. Set up a new institution, an Eco-

nomic Security Council on the

lines of the United Nations,

says Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission.

do more to promote private capital flows.

Better, and more likely, would be a series of practical changes such as those proposed this week by the Institute for International Finance, which represents the world banking community. These include improving the institutions' techniques for mobilizing private money and providing broader political risk cover in areas such as the former

And if the leading Western countries really want to tackle the problems of the world economy, they could try turning their own G-7 meetings into a more effective management body. It is still governments, not international institutions, that bear responsibility for most of the world's ills.

#### an economy, Credit Lyonnais said it had a aerospace concern Aerospatiale and the net loss of 1.045 billion French francs steelmaker Usinor-Sacilor Groupe would

PARIS - Undermined by the weak Euro-(\$184.2 million) in the first half, compared with net profit of 119 million francs a year earlier and a net loss of 1.967 billion francs in the second half of 1992.

largest commercial bank, attributed the loss the offer of another position, "one which I to the recession in Europe, high provisions would not have thought of myself." He did for bad debt, especially in the real estate not say what post he had been offered. Sector, and I billion francs of losses at The company's joint managing director, sector, and I billion francs of losses at The company's joint managing director, French state-owned companies in which Prançois Gille, said Crédit Lyonnais would

second half but added that the continuing economic crisis and losses on holdings in the continue to pull down earnings.

Mr. Haberer also confirmed reports that the French government, which controls the bank, had asked him whether he was ready to Jean-Yves Haberer, chairman of France's leave his post and said he was considering

benefit from a move toward lower interest He said net results should improve in the rates in France and from its strategy of

controlling costs. But he said risk provisions would remain high in the second half, especially because of continued weakness in the real estate market, to which Crédit Lyonnais is heavily exposed.

Provisions were 7.2 billion francs in the first half, compared with 6.0 billion francs a year earlier and 11.6 billion francs in the second half of 1992. Net banking income rose 13.3 percent, to

27.7 billion francs, and gross operating result improved 4.2 percent, to 6.97 billion francs. The bank's problem loans from its financing of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. and other interests in the movie industry are largely behind it, Mr. Haberer said, although the

bank did make provisions of 700 million francs for the industry and related loans.

■ Bid for MGM Reportedly Planned William Koch, winner of the 1992 Americas Cup yachting race and chairman of the supercomputer maker Kendall Square Research Corp., is likely to bid for MGM, Reuters reported from Los Angeles, quoting

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said Mr. Koch has retained International Creative Management's chairman. Jeff Berg, to prepare a proposal that he could present to Credit Lyonnais. Mr. Berg could not be reached for comment.

# IMF Will Halt Aid to Russia **Pending Further Reforms**

confirmed Thursday that Russia program for countries experiencing would have to get its economic reform program on track before it could receive funds from the inter-

national lending agency.

But Managing Director Michel

Mr. Camdessus held out the possibility that the amount of IMF assistance provided could be even larger and he also said the IMF would not object if individual countries speed their own assis-

The IMF provided a \$1.5 billion loan to Russia in June and had been expected to provide a second \$1.5 billion loan in September. That schedule is now on hold. In his remarks, Mr. Camdessus

praised the government of President Boris N. Yeltsin for the reforms that have been made, often in the face of stiff opposition by the

Russian parliament.

He blamed the political instability in Russia for derailing the reform program this summer. Mr. Camdessus suggested that IMF assistance could be forthcoming by the end of this year or early next year. He also suggested that in addition to the \$1.5 billion from a

economic problems.

President Bill Clinton has supported Mr. Yeltsin in this week's. constitutional crisis with parliament and called on other countries Camdessus suggested that enough progress could be made either by the end of this year or early next year to free at least \$1.5 billion in IMF assistance.

Managing Director Military and and called on other community to do the same. The administration has used the crisis in Moscow to call for quick congressional approval of Mr. Clinton's proposed \$2.5 billion aid package. Mr. Camdessus said that while

the IMF cannot provide additional funds until Russia shows progress in implementing economic reforms, individual countries were free to accelerate the pace of their He called the current situation in

Russia "very fluid and difficult to analyze."

Of a \$44 billion Western aid package announced by Mr. Clinton and other leaders last spring, one-fifth is coming from the World Bank and IMF with the rest coming from individual countries, much of it in the form of debt relief. much of it in the form of debt relief. The situation in Russia was ex-

pected to occupy much of the dis-cussion time at this week's annual meeting of the 177-nation IMF and its sister lending organization, the World Bank. Other issues on the agenda were

The Associated Press

Special fund to support free-market proposal by the United States to provide \$3 billion in economic asternational Monetary Fund tap into the IMF's regular support sistance to the occupied West Bank confirmed. Thursday that Puses are a support free-market proposal by the United States to provide \$3 billion in economic assistance to the occupied West Bank. and Gaza Strip to support the recent peace agreement between Isra-el and the Palestine Liberation Or-

The IMF on Wednesday issued a new forecast in which it significantly reduced its projections for growth this year and in 1994.

It said the industrial nations' economies would grow by only 1.1 percent this year and have subdued growth of 2.2 percent in 1994.

industry sources.

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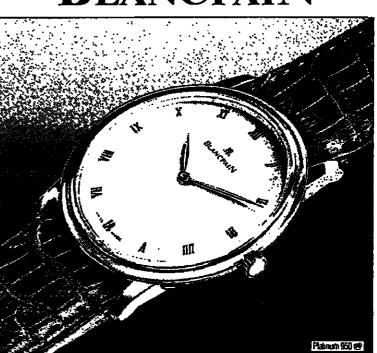
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# Volkswagen **Apologizes** To Prague

PRAGUE - Volkswagen

AG apologized to the Czech government Thursday for canceling an \$870 million modern-ization loan for Skoda Auto AS and said it still planned to help Skoda expand.

"VW expressed regrets over embarrassment caused to Skoda's majority shareholder by the last-minute decision made last week," a joint statement by VW Chairman Ferdinand Piech and the Czech govern-ment said. "VW has preferred honesty and openness to a more tactical approach."

Mr. Piech, in Prague for a meeting with Czech officials, said VW would fulfill its original promise to upgrade and ex-pand Skoda's operations.

NEW YORK - Stocks were mixed on Thursday, as blue-chip issues faltered but over-the-counter

shares ended at a record high. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.27 points, to 3,539.75, but

#### N.Y. Stocks

the Nasdaq over-the-counter index jumped 6.71 points, to a record 752.25.

Traders said the big industrial companies in the Dow were out of favor in a slow economy, while technology shares, well represented in the Nasdaq average, were hot. Among the broad New York Stock Exchange averages, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.54, to 457.74. It benefited from a rise in health-related stocks, which account

for little of the Dow. The Dow has only retraced about 42 percent of the losses it has sustained since hitting a record 3,652 on Aug. 25. The S&P 500, by contrast, has regained nearly 65 percent. Health-care issues rallied after President Bill Clinton made a speech about industry reform on Wednesday that did not seem threatening "Basically, there were no new wrinkles in the President's message," said Kenneth Ducey,

Then, there's also the feeling that this is really business for 1996 nothing much is going to change for several years, even if the plan is adopted as is," he said.

Traveler's led the New York Stock Exchange actives, up 1 to 37%. It signed an agreement, subject to shareholder approval, to be acquired for about \$4.2 billion of Primerica stock. Primerica rose % to 48¼.

Wal-Mart followed, up % to 251/4. There was optimism that sales at U.S. retailers were picking up. It was followed by Kodak, which

lost 11/4 to 57% after a published report said its Sterling Drug unit would cut prices on large bottles of Bayer aspirin by 25 percent.

Greyhound slumped, leading the American Stock Exchange actives with a loss of 3% to 11%. It said slow summer traffic would push its earnings below market expectations. Intel led the over-the-counter actives, up 11/2 to 681/4. Semiconductor

companies were higher on expecta-tions of strong quarterly earnings fueled by brisk sales of personal computers. On the NYSE, Motorola rose 34, to 984, and Texas Instruments was up 1 at 78%. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, UPI)

# Russian Unease Keeps **Dollar Strong on Mark**

NEW YORK — The dollar rose rumor on the Russian conflict.

Amy Smith, a market strategist at more than a pfennig against the Deutsche mark on Thursday as the the consulting firm IDEA, said the currency market remained con-dollar hit strong resistance at 1.6475 cerned about the situation in Russia. DM and eased on profit-taking. Rumors the Russian legislature was assembling armed forces to at-

#### Foreign Exchange

tack the Russian Defense Ministry and General Staff caused heavy selfing of marks, said Win Thin, analyst at MCM CurrencyWatch.

When in fact during the New York afternoon a skirmish took place at armed forces headquarters in Moscow it appeared minor, and the dollar got little further lift from the news, traders said.

At the close of trading, the dollar had risen to 1.6435 DM from 1.6300 at Wednesday's close.

Mr. Thin said the U.S. currency's strength against the mark was based not only on events in Russia, but also on "the expectancy that forth-coming U.S. economic indicators will show an improving economic recovery, while German figures are likely to show that the German economy is in a deep recession."

Morris Armstrong, foreign-exchange manager at GiroCredit Bank, said trading Thursday was very choppy, with the market react-

ing instantly to each report and

The fact that it only came off slightly, however, shows how jumpy the market is," she said. "The situation in Russia is far from over. Traders might be hedging their short mark positions, but they are not pulling out of them just yet."

Mr. Armstrong said volumes were especially heavy in trading of yen for marks, with traders and investors buying large amounts of yen. The mark fell to 64.41 yen from 65.15 at the previous close.

The cross-trading helped sup-port the yen against the dollar, with

the U.S. currency weakening to 105.85 yen from 106.15.

The dollar was higher against the French franc, at 5.7205 francs from 5.6755 on Wednesday, and against the Swiss franc, at 1.4330 francs from 1.4215. The pound was lower, at \$1.5055 after \$1.5185.

The Australian dollar jumped to 65.65 U.S. cents in late trading, from 65.54 Wednesday, after Sydney was chosen as the site of the Olympic Games in 2000. "The Olympics will be a revenue source for the Austrahans, but it's more a matter of national pride," Ms. Smith said. (AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg)



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Primerica Will Acquire Travelers

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Primerica Corp. on Thursday said it reached an agreement to acquire The Travelers Corp. in a \$4.2 billion stock swap. The deal, creating one of America's largest financial services firms, was announced Wednesday and still requires approval of

shareholders in both companies.

Primerica, which already owns 27 percent of the Hardord-based insurance and financial services company, said it expected the deal to go through by year's end. Primerica stock rose 87.5 cents, to \$48.25, on the New York

Stock Exchange, while Travelers' was up \$1, at \$37.625.

Sanford I. Weill, Primerica's chairman and a well-known Mr. Fix-It of ailing firms, will be chairman and chief executive officer of the merged. company, which will keep the the Travelers name. Edward H. Budd, chairman of The Travelers, will continue to head Travelers insurance operations as well as becoming chairman of the executive committee of the new company's board.

## S&P Reviews RJR's Bond Rating

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — RJR Nabisco Holding Corp. may lose its investment-grade bond rating from Standard & Poor's Corp. because of risks confronting the company's tobacco business.

Standard & Poor's said it had placed the giant food company's \$14 billion in debt on its Credit Watch list of issuers whose ratings may change

with negative implications."

S&P rates RJR Nabisco's senior debt BBB-minus, the lowest investmentgrade rating, R.IR's subordinated debt and preferred stock are rate BB-plus, the top level of the junk-bond category. S&P also placed its A3 rating on RJR Nabisco Inc.'s commercial paper on CreditWatch. The CreditWatch listing reflects "heightened business risk in the intensely competitive U.S. tobacco markets," which could hurt earnings, cash flow and the company's ability to maintain an investment-grade profile, Standard & Poor's said.

# Harcourt Weighs Bid for MacMillan

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Harcourt General Inc. is considering making a bid for MacMillan Inc., the publishing company that was put on the auction block after the death of Robert Maxwell in 1991, said Harcourt's president and chief executive, Robert Tarr.

MacMillan, a part of the bankrupt Maxwell Communications Corp., is expected to fetch between \$750 million and \$1 billion. Harcourt General, formerly called General Cinema Inc., acquired publisher Harcourt Brace Jovanovich in 1991 for \$1.5 billion.

#### US West Plans \$1 Billion Offering

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado (AFX) — U S West Inc. plans to sell about

\$1 billion of stock in a public offering.
The company said the offering would be used to reduce indebtedness, including that incurred in connection with its \$2.5 billion investment in 25 percent of Time Warner Entertainment Co., to strengthen the balance sheet and for general working capital needs. The offering was announced late Wednesday, after markets had closed.

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#### Air Products Lists Revamping Cost NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) - Air Products & Chemicals Inc. said

Thursday it expected to take a \$115 million restructuring charge, before taxes, for a profit-improvement program. The Allentown, Pennsylvania, supplier of industrial gases and related equipment also will report an after-tax benefit of about \$20 million for accounting changes.

#### For the Record

Value Health Inc. and Preferred Health Care Ltd. said Thursday in Avon, Connecticut, that they would create the nation's largest provider of managed mental-health and substance-abuse programs in a stock-swap merger valued at \$425 million.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s merchandise chief, Arthur Martinez, said Thorsday in Boston that the retailing giant was approaching the holiday season with "cautious optimism." He added, "We have experienced solid sales gains several months this year, and we expect to see some of that trend continue into the holiday season." (Knight-Ridder)

# Saudis Reject Cuts in Crude

GENEVA — Saudi Arabia, staking out its position ahead of a key OPEC meeting, said Thursday it would not reduce crude pumping in the coming months to help lift sagging oil prices.

Hisham Nazer, the kingdom's oil minister, made his remarks as he arrived in Geneva for Saharday's meeting of the 12-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The producers are under pressure to halt the slide in oil prices. Crude prices have tumbled to \$14.78 a barrel, far under OPEC's \$21 target. The plunge has been blamed partly on excess production by Iran and other OPEC members.

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Suez Will Take In \$420 Million From Générale Asset Sale

BRUSSELS — Societé Générale e Belgique announced the sale of its CBR cement operations Thursday in a deal that will net about 2.4 billion French francs (\$423 million) for SGB's chief owner, Compagnie de Spez.

The buyer in the transaction, worth a total of 22.5 billion Belgian francs (\$650 million), is Heidelberger Zement AG, a German ce-ment company that is about 30 percent held by Deutsche Bank and

Heidelberger said the deal, for a ontrolling stake in Cimenteries CBR, would create the world's fifth-largest cement producer, with annual output of 38 million metric tons and annual revenue of about 109 billion Belgian francs.

Heidelberger is paying 11,750 francs a share for the stake of 42.58 percent in CBR owned by Générale de Belgique, Belgium's leading in-dustrial holding company. The German company will then tender for the remaining CBR shares at the same price, which values the entire company at about 52.87 bil-CBR stock was suspended

change at 11,425 francs a share. Générale said it has made a "sienificant" capital gain on the sale. CBR's stock has risen sharply in recent years, from as low as 3,700 francs in 1987, before Suez won control of Générale in a takeover battle with Carlo De Benedetti.

CBR runs plants in Belgium, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Poland. Heidelberger's plants are in southern and western Germany, and it has minority interests in cement makers in France, Hungary, Croatia and the Czech Republic.

Générale de Belgique also report-ed Thursday that its net profit for

from 4.47 billion in a year earlier. Its chief executive, Gerard Mestrallet, said he was cautious about full-year prospects, "as we do not

expect the economic environment to improve in the second half."

and for the American market.

Mercedes also had been looking

The BMW Inc. unit of Bayer-

For the German companies, the

around half what they are in Ger-

Detroit Diesel Corp. valued at \$40

million. The Associated Press re-

and on engine designs.

Mercedes said it had an option to

# Mercedes Said to Pick Site in North Carolina

By Warren Brown and Frank Swoboda Washington Post Service

at a plant site at Sommerville, WASHINGTON — Mercedes-South Carolina, 20 miles (32 kilo-Benz has chosen a site in North meters) north of Charleston. Carolina for its first automobile assembly plant in the United ische Motoren Werke AG of Ger-States, company sources said.

Michael Jackson, executive vice tion of a similar plant in Greer, resident for Mercedes-Benz of South Carolina, less than 100 miles North America Inc., a unit of south of Mebane on I-85, where it Daimler-Benz AG of Germany, will employ 1,900 people manufac-turing cars for American and exsaid Wednesday in Fairfax, Virgin-ia, that the new plant would "be in the South," and the company port markets. sources later said it would be in American sites are a manufacturing

The sources would not say pre-cisely where the plant would be built, but speculation has focused on Mebane, North Carolina, a community on the northern end of the corridor along Interstate 85 that stretches from Atlanta to Virother international companies in the automobile and transportation industries, including Michelin Tire Corp. and Freightways Ltd. Consolidated

North Carolina officials say repported from Stuttgart. resentatives of Mercedes have been doing other site-preparation work based maker of diesel engines to 20 at Mebane in recent weeks. percent within the next year. It said the two companies had been work-

Omaha, Nebraska, had been considered a serious contender for the ing together since 1991 on the deplant, which is to employ 1,500 peovelopment of fuel-injection systems plant, which is to employ 1,500 peo-ple and manufacture a four-wheel-

U.K. Publisher Seeks Purchaser For Extel Wire LONDON - United Newspa

pers PLC said Thursday that its Ex-The company also said favorable currency factors helped push its pretax profits up 10.4 percent, to £51.3 million in the first half.

The chairman, Lord Stevens, said the company - which owns the national newspapers the Daily Express and the Daily Star — had received a number of inquiries concerning Extel and, "in view of the increasing investment needs of the financial information industry" it had decided to put it up for sale.

United said the strengthening of the dollar, and the conversion of the company's Reuters exchange-able preference shares, improved its pretax profits from its previous £46.5 million (\$70.7 million).

#### Swissair Group Loses \$46 Million In First Half

ZURICH - Swissair-Schweizerische Luftverkehr AG, the Swiss airline company, announced Thursday a loss of 65 million Swiss francs (\$46.4 million) in the first half of the year.

. Swissair, the main component of the company, recently reported a net loss of 125 million Swiss francs. The consolidated figure includes

the results of its catering company, Crossair charter companies. It was Swissair said it hoped to achieve

a balanced result" for the whole year. But the outlook for the second half remained difficult because of uncertainty about the economic situation and exchange rate instability. In the first half, group operating income totaled 3.1 billion francs,

compared with 6.2 billion for the whole of 1992. Operating costs were 2.9 billion francs, compared with 5.5 billion francs.

The company said its airlines ac-counted for 43 million francs, or

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#### Very briefly:

Robert Maxwell Holdings Ltd. and Robert Maxwell Group PLC will
make an international offering to institutional investors of their \$4.8
percent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers PLC; the shares will not, for
regulatory reasons, be offered in the United States.

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Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp., helped by a burst of sales in Britain, had the largest EC market shares in August, at 15.6 percent and 13.6 percent respectively.

The BBC World Service is launching a 20-part radio series for Russians next week on how to start and run small businesses.

PolyGram NV, majority owned by Philips Electronics NV, said its issue of 9.5 million new shares would be priced at 62.20 guilders a share outside the United States and at \$34 there.

 West German insolvencies rose 20.4 percent in the first half of this year from a year earlier, to 8,330 cases, three quarters of them corporate. Offvetti SpA incurred a loss in the six months to June, according to its chairman, Carlo De Benedetti, but sales and market share increased. Assicurazioni Generali SpA, the Italian insurer, said parent pretax profit

in the first half fell 41.8 percent from a year earlier, to 426.3 billion lire Pirelli SpA posted a first-half net loss of 62.7 billion lire after a 77 billion lire profit a year earlier that was due to one-time gains.

 BSN SA said it was is considering bidding for the insolvent German dairy products company Südmilch AG. • Argentaria SA will pay a 1993 gross dividend of 115 pesetas (88 U.S.

Bloombere, Reuters, AFX

#### Bertelsmann Net Up 16% Group sales rose 6.5 percent, to 16.99 billion DM, with Germany

many. BMW, for example, will be paying average wages of \$15 to \$17 an hour, compared with the \$30 an GUETERSLOH, Germany — Boosted in part by productivity inhour they must pay their workers at creases, Bertelsmann AG said Thursday that its net profit rose 16.0 ■ Stake in U.S. Firm Bought percent, or 91 million Deutsche Mercedes-Benz said Thursday it marks (\$57 million) to 660 million was acquiring a 13 percent stake in DM in the year ended June 30.

Mark Woessner, chairman of the media conglomerate, said the company planned to pay a 15 percent dividend on its 100 DM profitsharing certificates, unchanged

from the previous year. Mr. Woessner attributed the improved results to better productivity and strong earnings in the company's core businesses of books, magazines and recorded material.

accounting for about 6.6 billion of that total and export sales about 10.4 billion, the company said. Operating earnings rose 19.6 ercent, to 1.43 billion DM from

1.196 billion a year earlier, the firm said, with "all company sectors contributing to the increase The outlook for the current year

isn't so rosy," Mr. Woessner said, citing the German recession. "However, we do expect earnings The work force of the Bertels-

mann group expanded by 1,600, to 50,500 in the reporting year.

#### FIDELITY PACIFIC FUND S.A.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Please take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Fidelity Pacific Fund S.A. (the "Corporation") will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Corporation's principal office. Pembroke Hall, Pembroke. Bermuda on Friday, October 8, 1993.

The following matters are on the agenda for this meeting: A. Re-election of the following individuals as Directors:

Edward C. Johnson 3d Barry R. J. Bateman Charles T. M. Collis

Charles A. Fraser Jean Hamilius H.F. Van den Hoven

B. Review of the balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement of the Corporation for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1993.

Ratification of actions taken by the Directors since the last Annual General Meeting of D. Ratification of actions taken by the Investment Manager since the last Annual General Meeting

of Shareholders. E. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Holders of registered shares may vote by proxy by mailing a form of proxy obtained from Fidelity

Investments Luxembourg S.A., the Fund's registrar and transfer agent, to the following address: Fidelity Pacific Fund S.A. c/o Fidelity International Limited

P.O. Box HM 670 Hamilton HM CX, BERMUDA

Holders of bearer shares may vote by proxy by obtaining from the institutions listed below a form of bearer shareholders proxy, certificate of deposit and receipt for bearer share certificates, against deposit of their bearer share certificates, and mailing the proxy and certificate of deposit to the Corporation at the address set forth in the preceding paragraph. Alternatively, holders of bearer shares wishing to exercise their rights personally at the meeting may deposit their share certificates, or a certificate of deposit therefor, with the Corporation at Pembroke Hall, Pembroke, Bermuda, against receipt therefor, which receipt will entitle said bearer shareholders to exercise such rights.

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All proxies (and certificates of deposit issued to bearer shareholders) must be received by the Corporation not later than 9:30 a.m. on October 8, 1993, in order to be used at the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT, CHARLES T.M. COLLIS, SECRETARY



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# . 94 Budget For Seoul Up 13.7%

SEOUL - The South Korean cabinet on Thursday approved a 13.7 percent rise in the nation's budget for 1994, hoping to revive the sagging economy and to hone international competitiveness.

The cabinet approved the pro-posed budget of 43.25 trillion won (\$53.4 billion) next year from 38.05 trillion won this year.

."The budget aims to prioritize an provement in the productivity of government finances," said Lee Suk Chae, assistant budget minister at the Economic Planning Board, "We are trying to give more weight to expenditure on infrastructure and

than defense and personnel costs." But the largest single budgetary component will remain defense, thich takes up nearly a quarter of

Defense spending was set at 10.49 million won in 1994, up 9.4 percent from this year. It totals 25.3 percent of spending and 3.62 percent of gross national product next year.

Mr. Lee said the budget proposal

was based on a government fore-cast that 1994 GNP would grow an inflation-adjusted 7.1 percent. The GNP deflator, or the overall inflation rate in the economy, is expected to be unchanged at 5.3 percent.

A Finance Ministry official said

that national taxation, excluding regional levies, would rise 18.4 percent next year, to 45.86 trillion won. He said income taxes would provide 10.67 trillion won, up from a

projected 9.3 trillion in 1993.
The gross tax burden, including national and local levies would rise to 20.2 percent of GNP next year from 19.3 percent, while the per cap-its tax burden would average 1.31 million won, up from 1.12 million. Infrastructure spending will rise 29.9 percent, to 6.77 trillion won. One of the major expenditures ext year involves a government avestment of 324.3 billion won to

continue building a high-speed rail-

# Banking on Hong Kong Taiwan Seeks China-Trade Advantage

TAIPEI - The opening Thursday of Hua Nan Commercial Bank's branch office in

Hong Kong, a first for a Taiwan bank, is bad news for foreign banks growing fat on Taiwan's booming trade with China through the British colony. But it is good news for inves-tors in Hua Nan, one of Taiwan's

state-controlled banking powerhouses, analysts said. Business and trade between

Taiwan and China are soaring as Beijing moves toward a market economy. But Taiper's Nationalist government, at odds with Beijing since the 1949 civil war, requires money flowing to China to go through third countries.

The absence of a Taiwanese branch bank in Hong Kong, the main conduit for Taiwan's trade with the mainland, left a big chunk of banking business be-yond the reach of the country's

"Taiwan companies have doing business directly with looked to Hong Kong banks for mainland Chinese banks, is sure trade finance, but will now return to a bank like Hua Nan." said Hung-lung Yuan, research man-

Trade between Taiwan and China through Hong Kong is expected to reach about \$10 billion in 1993.

ager with Wardley James Capel (Taiwan) Ltd. "They know each other, it's very natural."

Trade between Taiwan and

china through Hong Kong is ex-pected to reach about \$10 billion this year, and Hua Nan, while still forbidden by Taipei from

to cash in on servicing Taiwan companies with mainland business, analysts said.

Hua Nan hopes to attract banking business from at least 10,000 Taiwan companies through its approximately 140branch network, one of the country's largest, Mr. Yuan said. The bank will be able to get

around a Taipei ban on direct business with mainland Chinese banks by working closely with foreign banks in China, said Hua Nan's executive vice president,

In addition to trade finance, the bank hopes to develop its syndicated loan business in Hong Kong, Mr. Chien said.

The bank, which has participated in "four or five" international leading groups over the past few months, believe it can take the past few months believe it can take the past few months.

gain more experience in syndica-tions in Hong Kong that it can in Taipei, Mr. Chien said.

# U.S. Says It Took A Strong Line in **Japan Trade Talks**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - The United

States took a tough stance in trade talks with Japan this week, warning Tokyo that dramatic action was vital to prevent a rupture in trans-Pacific ties, a U.S. official said

The official said Japan seemed receptive to the strong U.S. tone in the discussions this week in Hawaii. But he speculated that Tokyo may have simply been tempering its behavior ahead of next week's meeting between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa.

Japanese officials refused to comment on the talks.

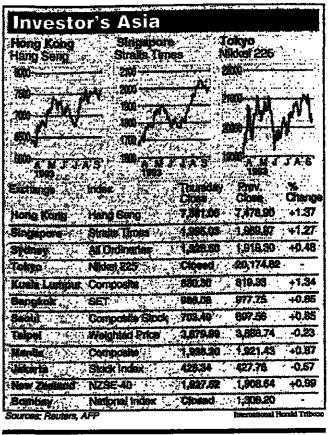
"The tone maintained was argumentative but quite professional," the U.S. official said, speaking to journalists in a conference call from Hawaii on condition of anonymity. He said that talks in a

follow-up session scheduled for early October in Tokyo "are going to be contentions, no question. Separate talks on regulatory reform were scheduled for Washington next Thursday, and discussions on trade in automobiles and auto

parts are continuing. The main purpose of this week's talks, the official said, was "to act as the kickoff point for actual nego-

Mr. Clinton has accused Japan of running an economy that is still substantially closed to many foreign companies. The two nations agreed in July to

try to overhaul their economic relaionship. This week's talks focused on opening up Japan's government procurement system, checking its compliance with past trade deals, liberalizing its insurance industry and opening its automobile and auto-parts markets to more im-



# Very briefly:

Robert Maxwell Holdings Ltd. and Robert Maxwell Group PLC will
make an international offering to institutional investors of their 54.8
percent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers PLC; the shares will not, for
regulatory reasons, be offered in the United States.

• Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp., helped by a burst of sales in Britain, had the largest EC market shares in August, at 15.6 percent and 13.6 percent respectively.

 The BBC World Service is launching a 20-part radio series for Russians next week on how to start and run small businesses.

 PolyGram NV, majority owned by Philips Electronics NV, said its issue of 9.5 million new shares would be priced at 62.20 guilders a share outside the United States and at \$34 there.

 West German insolvencies rose 20.4 percent in the first half of this year from a year earlier, to 8,330 cases, three quarters of them corporate. Olivetti SpA incurred a loss in the six months to June, according to its chairman, Carlo De Benedetti, but sales and market share increased.

 Assicurazioni Generali SpA, the Italian insurer, said parent pretax profit in the first half fell 41.8 percent from a year earlier, to 426.3 billion lire

# **India Tobacco Giant Set for Competition** European equity issue, with a roadshow launch set for Wednesday.

CALCUTTA - India's cigarette giant ITC CALCUTTA — India's cigarette giant ITC
Ltd. is gearing up for foreign competition with
an ambitious expansion program that will see
its exports grow twentyfold this fiscal year,
according to its chairman, Kishan Lal Chugh.
Mr. Chugh said the increase in exports, expected to rise to 1 billion rupees (\$31.9 million)

n the 1993-94 financial year from just 50 million rupces, was only part of an expansion that ranges from hotels and edible oils to financial services. The financial year rons from April to March. "We are looking at the world as our market now," he said, adding that the outlook was a result of far-reaching economic reforms

launched by the government two years ago.
ITC, 38 percent owned by the British-based conglomerate BAT Industries PLC, has set a

target of \$1 billion total group exports within five years, compared with \$255 million in 1992-93.

The reforms made it possible for ITC to become the fourth Indian company to opt for a

Mr. Chugh said he expected a good response to the issue because of the strong performance of the company, which recorded a 35 percent increase in posttax profit, to 1.55 billion rupees for 1992-93

He said Indian cigarettes cost much less to produce than their foreign competitors because of relatively low labor and tobacco costs. Kings, at 40 rupees (\$1.27) for a pack of 20 cigarettes, which includes a tax of more than 50

Mr. Chugh predicted the domestic market would also grow by up to 10 percent annually would also grow by up to 10 percent annially
— if the government maintained last year's
policy of not raising taxes — because of a
burgeoning middle class. Mr. Chugh predicted
sales of 120 billion cigarettes a year in five to six
years, and eventual sales of from 200 to 400
billion a year.

the cigarette market in India, of which ITC controls 57 percent, will attract strong foreign competition soon, especially under the prevailing fiberalized economic regime.

"If anyone comes in with globally renowned brands like Camels, Mariboro, State Express or Kent, it will be only right to presume that there would be strong competition," he said.

"Where they will get their share?" he asked.
"Will it be from ITC or from the others? I believe ITC brands are strongly positioned and able to fight international brands entering India."

Mr. Chugh said he expected ITC cigarette sales to grow by 7 to 9 percent annually despite the competition and said the market was wide open to growth in a country with a population of 890 million. He noted that 460 billion cigarettes were sold yearly in the United States, which has a population of 255 million.

#### Japanese Limit Hiring of Young The Associated Press

TOKYO - Illustrating the weak state of the economy, a survey published Thursday indicated major Japanese companies planned to slash hiring of new graduates next year.

According to the survey in the Mainichi newspaper, 60 companies in leading industrial sectors said they would reduce overall hiring of new recruits by 41.9 percent in the business year beginning next April from the current business year.

Many companies have announced plans to cut their work forces through attrition and early retirement to get through Japan's worst reces-

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# **LVMH:** Luxury-Goods Maker Faces Age of Austerity

Mr. Massot, suggesting that con-sumers are realizing they have been paying "silly prices" for cognac in bars and that many would probably not come back, even when the economy improves.

"It's difficult to see how we will get back to the good old days," he past year.

One way, Mr. Houel suggested, would be if the Chinese market continues to develop at its breakneck pace. Cognac sales in China

In champagne, the root of the problem is different — a glut of supply that has forced smaller pro-

duced a wide gap in the market, its prices in Japan, and analysts say bottle while LVMH brands try desperately to hold on at premium prices of 120 francs to 140 francs a range that has itself come down 10 percent to 20 percent over the

France accounts for about twothirds of champagne sales.

Meanwhile, LVMH faces stiff.

challenges in its other mam prod-Its Louis Vuitton leather-goods was the only business showing a growth in operating earnings in the first half — but it is vulnerable in Japan, its most important market, because of currency fluctuations.

With the yen appreciating against the franc, Louis Vuitton cut

with many lesser-known brands it could be cornered if the yen falls selling for 60 francs to 80 francs a in the months ahead, as current economic conditions would make it difficult to boost prices without losing a significant volume of sales.

While perfume sales growth has been strong, margins have suffered because of heavy marketing costs. And analysts see no light at the end of the tunnel, saying that LVMH will be constrained to keep more new products coming because of ever-shortening product life cycles, while the overall market remains

#### GPA: Rescue Plan Cuts Plane Orders by \$7.7 Billion repayments and to provide an addi-

ered if the company takes delivery of certain aircraft on which it re-

tains options. Also announced Thursday was a big dive in profit, underlining the cash problems that pushed GPA into a preliminary arrangement in May in which GE agreed to buy aircraft from GPA and acquire the

right to a controlling stake in the The deal is the product of more than a year of highly complex nego-

the last minute whether the rescue proposals would succeed because each group of creditors and manufacturers made consent conditional on GPA reaching agreement with all other groups.

The company, groaning under debt of more than \$5 billion, also announced a big fall in operating profit for the year to March 31, to \$48 million from \$262 million. After accounting for special charges and provisions, there was a net loss of \$993 million, compared with earn-

ings of \$249 million a year earlier.
The net worth of GPA, which in the 1980s was Ireland's most dazzling corporate success, has plummeted to \$234 million from \$1.23 billion, according to company data.
Under the refinancing deal, 138 creditor banks have agreed to defer

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million in new equity through the sale of notes to existing sharehold-ers, including Citibank, Mitsubishi Trust International, Nomura International, the Pennsylvania Public School Employees Retirement Board and Shannon Free Airport GE Capital has purchased or agreed to purchase 45 aircraft from GPA for more than \$1.3 billion.

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# **SPORTS**

# Giants 2½ Games Out As Braves Lose to Expos

The Atlanta Braves' lead in the National League West was cut down by the Montreal Expos, but the Philadelphia Phillies made their magic number in the NL East a little smaller, although they had to go a little longer to do so.

The Expos, playing at home, re-bounded from the previous night's 18-5 drubbing to beat Atlanta on Wednesday night and the Braves saw their lead in the NL West fall to 2½ games as second-place San Francisco won in Houston.

The Phillies, who beat the Florida Marlins, 2-1, in 12 innings, maintained their 5½-game lead over second-place Montreal in the East and reduced their magic number for winning the division to six.

'Any wins we can get right now put more pressure on Montreal," said Phillies reliever Roger Mason, the winner with 1½ innings of twohit relief. "We want to get as much momentum as possible going into

There wasn't much momentum shown against the Marlins, as the Phillies scored in the first and the visitors tied in the eighth. Both for eight innings.

teams flubbed scoring opportunities in the 10th and 11th before the each led to a run, starting with the

"It was one of those nights where White blooped a single over a I was battling." Hollins said. "I didn't feel comfortable at the plate.

White blooped a single over a drawn-in infield for the first run and he scored the second when Wil But fortunately I got six chances to Cordero beat a double-play relay. finally get it right."
Pinch-hitter Pete Incaviglia

walked to open the bottom of the NL ROUNDUP

Then Hollins lined a single to right to score pinch-runner Tony

Longmire.
"We had II hits and just one run, left 14 on base," Florida manager Rene Lachemann said. "We didn't execute when we had to. Dykstra

came through again as usual."

Expos 6, Braves 1: Jeff Fassero struck out a career-high 11 in Mon-treal and held Atlanta to four hits

# **Jays Gain on Rivals** In Losing to Bosox

The Chicago White Sox picked a good night to win, the Toronto Blue Jays a good night to lose.

6 road trip, and they now return home for a season-ending, 10-game homestand that includes three

Blue Jays a good night to lose.

Despite a 7-5, 10-inning loss to
Boston that stopped their ninewith the Blue Jays. game winning streak, the Blue Jays didn't hurt themselves Wednesday night in the American League East race. In fact, they reduced their magic number for clinching the division title to six when the New York Yankees lost to Minnesota. The Yankees remained five

#### AL ROUNDUP

games back, while third-place Bal-

timore lost in Cleveland and stayed

The White Sox, meanwhile, didn't waste an opportunity to add onto their lead in the West. They beat California and reduced their magic number to six when Texas

"We didn't expect to win the last 20 games," the Blue Jays' Paul Molitor said in Toronto. "But I guess if you're going to lose, you might as well do it on a night when

your competition loses, too." Boston's Rob Deer homered on Mike Timlin's 1-2 pitch in the 10th after Mo Vaughn was sale on first baseman John Olerud's error.

Roberto Alomar had hit a gametying double in the ninth for the Blue Jays.

Twins 5, Yankees 2: Pedro Mu
Craig Pagnette's homer off Jeff

noz hit a three-run homer during Minnesota's four-run second in New York, and the fading Yankees lost for the 10th time in 15 games. Munoz had homered twice and driven in five runs in Tuesday

night's 5-4 victory. Indians 4. Orioles 2: Pinch-hitter Davis all homered in a seven-run Candy Maldonado's two-run single fifth as Detroit beat visiting Mil-

Phillies finally won on Dave Hol-lins's bases-loaded single in the led off with a single, advanced on a

12th and went to third on a single by Lenny Dykstra. After Mickey Morandini was hit by a pitch, loading the bases, John Kruk struck

The Orioles' loss wrapped up a 3-

Ben McDonald limited the Indians to two runs and four hits until the seventh, when Mark Lewis singled and stole second and Sandy Alomar walked. A ground out advanced the runners, and Maldonado drove them both in with a single off Jim Poole.

The Orioles had tied the game at 2-2 on Brady Anderson's run-scoring double off Jeremy Hernandez

White Sox 1, Augels 0: Wilson Alvarez pitched a five-hitter for Toronto eight innings, extending his score-less streak to a career-high 24 innings, and Robin Ventura drove in the only run with a sacrifice fly for

visiting Chicago. Alvarez struck out five and walked four in winning his sixth straight start. He beat fellow lefthander Chuck Finley, who gave up four hits and four walks in pitching his 12th complete game of the sea

Royals 3, Athletics 2: Kevin Kosdefensive replacement, homered

Craig Paquette's homer off Jeff Montgomery with two outs in the ninth had made it 2-2 after Dennis Eckersley blew his 10th save of the season in the top of the inning.

Tigers 8, Brewers 4: Chad Kreuter, Alan Trammell and Eric

# **Bad Elbow** Is the End, Ryan Says

SEATTLE - Nolan Ryan's 27-year major league career has apparently been ended by a torn ligament in his right elbow.

"It's got to be it," Ryan said.
"There's no way I'll ever throw again. It's a hell of a way to end a career. This whole year has been

Baseball's strikeout king failed to retire a batter Wednesday night, walking four and allowing two hits, one a grand slam home run by Dann Howitt. The Texas Rangers trailed, 5-0, when he was relieved in the first inning, having thrown 28 pitches. The Mariners went on to win the game, 7-4.

When he came out, Ryan asked to be examined by a doctor. The Mariners's team physician, Larry Pedegana, said he suspected Ryan has a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching dbow.

If the diagnosis is correct, Ryan won't be able to throw again this season, which he has said is his last.

Ryan's last road start was over while fans were still filing into the Kingdome. For only the third time in his career, he had failed to retire a batter.

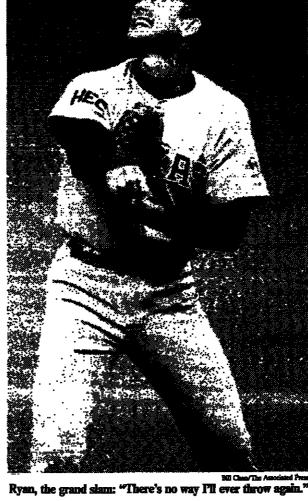
After Howitt homered with

the bases full, Ryan went to a 3-1 count on Dave Magadan and the Rangers' manager, Kevin Ken-nedy, made a pitching change. On the disabled list 114 days this season because of injuries,

Ryan, 46, entered the game with a 5-4 record and a 4.21 earned-He was making his 13th start of the year and was scheduled to

and Lampkin, Nilsson (8); Weils, Boever (8), MacDonald (8), Henneman (9) and Kreuter. W—Weils, 11-9. L—Eldred, 16-15. HRs—De-

troit, Kreuter (14), Trammell (10), Davis (5).



against Kansas City in the last game at Arlington Stadium. Notable among Ryan's 53 ma-jor league records are seven nohitters and 5,714 strikeouts. He

1974. He set a major league re- 292 after his start here.

strikeout performances. won 21 games in 1973 and 22 in

make two more, next Tuesday against Oakland and on Oct. 3 and had 367 in 1974, when he and had 367 in 1974, when he

also posted three of his four 19-In 807 games over 5,387 innings, Ryan has 324 victories with a 3.19 earned-run average. He was on the way to loss No.

# State Supreme Court **Denies Tyson Appeal**

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Supreme Court, by a 2-2 vote, has refused to consider the rape case that landed former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson in

The justices issued a one-page order Wednesday that gave no reason for not reviewing an appeals court decision upholding Tyson's conviction and six-year sentence.

The five-member court was evenly divided because Chief Justice Randall Shepard withdrew from the case last year and didn't participate in the vote. Justices Richard Givan and Roger De-Bruler voted against Tyson. Jus-tices Brent Dickson and Jon Krahulik, who earlier announced he will resign next month, voted to hear the appeal.

The Rev. Charles Williams, who has visited Tyson frequently in prison, said Tyson apparently hadn't been informed of the decision until he spoke with him by

"He inst digested what I told him and wanted to consult with his attomeys," Williams said. "There was no question that he was disappointed. He wanted to know what his options were and only his attor-

ney could tell him that." Court rules require a majority vote before a case can be heard. The U.S. Supreme Court is required to review criminal cases only when a prison sentence is 50 years or longer, or in death penalty

Tyson's main lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, said, "We will take whatever legal recourse is necessary to see that this injustice is finally

brought to an end. But Dershowitz did not refer to an earlier statement that he would take the case to the U.S. Supreme fused to hear it.

"The only thing left for him to do is if he could find some constitutional issue - and there is none and take it to the U.S. Supreme Court," said Greg Garrison, the prosecutor who won the 1992 con-

Krahulik told The Indianapolis Star that the key issue was whether the trial court abused its discretion by not allowing three defense witnesses to testify. He said he and Dickson think a new trial should be granted, primarily because the trial court judge did not allow the testi-

mony.

He said "it is a fair statement" that the other two judges agreed with the earlier decision by the Indiana Court of Appeals to reject

Tyson's appeal.
"It was well-aired and discussed by all of us," he said. "It was a very

Tyson is being held in the Indi-ana Youth Center, a state prison west of Indianapolis, for the 1991 attack on a Miss Black America

pageant contestant.

The Appeals Court upheld Tyson's conviction on a 2-1 vote lasts month. The majority ruled that? Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford acted correctly in preventing jurors from hearing tes-timony that might have shed doubts on Washington's credibil-

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#### **SCOREBOARD**

grounder and stole third. Rondell

Giants 1, Astros 0: Billy Swift

held the Astros to four hits in eight

innings, striking out a career-high

10, as San Francisco won for the

The only run came in the sev-

enth, on Kirt Manwaring's RBI double. His first hit in 12 at-bats

was off Pete Harnisch, who struck

out 10 and allowed seven hits in

Cubs 11, Cardinals 9: Chicago

ended its home season with Glenal-

len Hill hitting his eighth homer

since joining the team in the trade with Cleveland on Aug. 20. His

three-run shot came in the sixth,

Randy Myers pitched the ninth

Mets 6, Pirates 5: New York

won two in a row for the first time since Aug. 26-27 on Charlie O'Bri-

en's two-run homer in the 10th in

Dodgers 3, Reds 1: Cincinnati, playing at home, lost its 12th in a row, its longest losing streak since

1945, after Rafael Bournigal's two-

run single for Los Angeles with the

bases loaded in the fourth broke a

Rockies 11, Padres 4: Jerald

Clark hit a three-run homer and

drove in a career-high five runs as

Colorado, at home, beat San Diego

and tied the NL expansion record

for victories, with 64.

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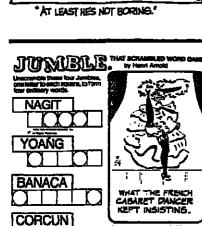
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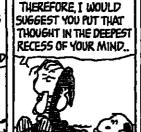
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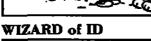












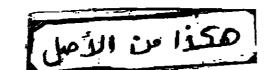






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# In Beijing, a 'Victory' Quickly Turns Into a Shattering Loss

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BELIING — For China's capital, it was perhaps the worst way to lose. It was just after 2:20 A.M. in the morning, and many residents here had waited up half the night to find out where they had won the right to play host to the 2000 Sum-

At the fancy convention center that was hosting the official Olym-pics gala, an audience of 1,000 Chinese watched as the live television Sproadcast from Monte Carlo showed IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch starting to thank the five bidding cities. Proceeding in alphabetical order, he named

But that was the only English word most people in the audience understood. They mistakenly thought Beijing had won. The crowd, a group of selected guests from China's arts and sports world, erupted in shouts and cheers, drowning out Samaranch's annonncement that Sydney, in fact, was the winner. Gongs were struck. Cymbals clanged, and actors began performing a traditional lion

. For several embarrassing minutes, Beijing television broadcast the scene home to millions of city residents. It was only after some of the guests realized what had really happened and stopped cheering that the television screen went momentarily blank. When the station came back on the air, the emcees were urging people to return to their seats, and sending well wishes to Sydney.

Similar misunderstandings took place all over the city. Some residents set off firecrackers despite the order banning fireworks. At Beijing University, which was at the forefront of the prodemocracy protests in 1989, about 300 students who were watching television in one of the canteens burst into shouts of joy before one student explained that the winner was Sydney, not Beijing.

"We have tried everything," said one disappointed 19-year-old economic student. "The results are not important. It is all that we did that is the most important. We will get "them next time."

In Tiananmen Square, one 18vest-old student from Sichuan bly, and her classmates were unable

For China, the Games have been the government's prime public focas for months, with the leadership staking its credibility and reputation on winning its first-ever bid. There were hints last week China might boycott the Games in Atlanta because of criticizm from the United States over China's human

All over the city, residents had stayed up into the early hours of Friday to wait for the results. But as soon as news spread that Beijing lost, they turned off their television sets and went to bed. Police ap- to see Michael Jordan come here peared on the streets. At Beijing and play basketball," said Zheng University, uniformed police were Xiaoming, 35, owner of a small videotaping the students watching in the canteen while undercover se-

patrolled the campus and ques-tioned students who talked to for-

Even though the city's official slogan is "A More Open China Awaits the 2000 Olympics," anthorities at Beijing University closed the campus gates at 8 P.M., and barred foreign reporters from watching the students watch televi-

In the closing hours, it appeared that Beijing was the favored candidate, and people were in a festive and confident mood.

"I want to see Carl Lewis, I want private restaurant in the city's Haidian district. "We always watch on

Fireworks boomed over the harbor, champagne flowed and an ecstatic Sydney greeted the dawn Fri-

day as an Olympic city.

"It is unreal," said Albina Yeg-lidkin, 19, while celebrating the International Olympic Committee's decision to award the 2000 Summer Games to the Australian city. Sydney is the best city in the world. We are going to stage the best Olympics ever." eral hours earlier with 45 pubs

Two hours before dawn, an estimated 100,000 people flocked to Circular Quay on Sydney Harbor, where the first European settlers set foot in Australia 205 years ago. As the announcement was made on

nated by the five colors of the Olympic movement.

The atmosphere is absolutely electric," said another Wayne Rosvall, 40, as fireworks exploded over

the harbor. "It couldn't be better."
The jubilant scene was much the same at the main Olympic site in the suburb of Homebush, where 4,000 construction workers and children threw a huge party.
The celebrations had started sev-

holding all-night parties. In Manchester, about 15,000 people at a giant open-air party prected their loss with stunned si-

people. If the tickets are \$1,000 giant TV screens, the spectators

U.S. dollars, I'll still buy them."

From other cities, wire services reported:

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paganda being put out, we all thought we had a brilliant chance." of disappointment. But then bid officials bounced Said Richard Leese, a member of back with a pledge that the northern English city would like to try

again for the 2004 Games. \*One day our dream will come true," said Francis Toms, her voice cheered wildly after the Games were awarded to Sydney. choking with emotion. "It doesn't mean this is the end. This is the start of phase two in Manchester's

bid to be an Olympic city." Exuberant crowds in Manchester had gathered with growing expectations as their city's fortunes

emed to have improved. The atmosphere was electric

was beamed on a giant television the candidacy committee, said:

Then came the announcement, and the crowd, heaved a mass sigh

the city council, "We are sick as parrots. But whatever happened, Manchester wins as a city. Opponents of Berlin's bid

About a thousand opponents of Berlin's bid broke into huge ap-plause and cheers and clinked together champagne glasses at a party in the eastern part of the city, where they watched the Monte Carlo annour cement live on a huge screen. Other opponents cheered

Brigitte Schmitz, a member of "We did everything we could, but

we had no chance in the IOC." Many in a crowd at the Brandenburg Gate were in a festive mood, and didn't seem particularly crushed by the awarding of the

Games to Sydney. In Istanbul, that city's loss seemed to bring few surprises.
"I knew it all along," said Mehmet Unluer, a businessman. "I just heard about it and am not sur-

prised at all. "How could we have gotten it with all this confusion around?" he said, pointing to the chaotic traffic.

"Do you think they'd give it to us? No chance," said a fish vendor named Halim Uzlas



ing events, along an accessible and craggy coastline, have never before had such a perfect natural theater. One of the city's biggest boasts is a central location for housing 15.000 athletes and team officials, none of whom will be more than 30 minutes from sporting venues or 45 minutes from training sites. About three-quarters of the athletes will be able to walk to their venues, officials promise. The Olympic

tains or at Darling Bay. The yacht-

harbor by train and high-speed catamaran boats. In addition, 85 percent of the

park will be connected to Sydney

hotel and other lodging places for ing. ozone depletion, protecting visitors will be within one hour's species, pollution and resource detravel of the Olympic park. Sydney rooms available as there were in Rarcelona when it hosted the 1992 Olympics. The city has a formal will use electronic mail to reduce agreement with the hotel and motel paper requirements. The sporting dustry for the supply and pricing

The Australian authorities have emphasized environmental friendliness. Greenpeace was one of the finalists in the design competition

In the athletes' villages, all buildings will have solar power and water recycling, and the management

facilities will be built of recyclable materials, with energy-saving sys-tems and water recycling. Sydney has promised to meet the entire \$20 million cost of roundtrip airfares for all 15,000 competi-

for the creation of the Olympic site.

The guidelines for the competition of bringing in such freight as included attention to global warm-

## **OLYMPICS:** Sydney Is Chosen

Continued from Page 1

wear T-shirts denouncing Beijing's candidacy while, in an of i-repeated scene, police officers took into custody a young couple who had un-furled an anti-Berlin banner near the international media center.

The IOC's decision to back away from a quantum political leap came at a great cost: Its corporate sponsors, who with television networks effectively fund the Olympic movement, would have had first claim at selling their products and services to the world's most populous country. The result might also damage Mr. Samaranch's reported aspirations of winning the Nobel Peace Prize. Had China won, Beijing promised, the names of the IOC membership would have been immortalized on the Great Wall.

"It was impossible for the IOC to ignore China's egregious human

Beijing earned 32 votes in the opening round, followed by Sydney with 30, Manchester with 11 and Berlin with 9. Because the standings remained secret — a change in IOC policy — voters had little choice but to stick with their first choice until it was eliminated. Istanbul, like China making its first Olympic bid, was the first to be knocked out. Apparently 5 of its 7 votes swung to Beijing.
The second round saw the elimi-

nation of Berlin, whose bid was crippled by memories of Hitler's 1936 Olympics and claims that Germany was already over-whelmed by reunification. Most of Berlin's 9 votes went to Sydney, as did the 11 freed up when Manchester was eliminated in the third

China made a series of impressive promises in its formal presentation on Thursday, vowing to improve technologically and environmentally. By 2000, Beijing promised, the smog would be cleared as the city shifted from coal to natural gas. Water-purification plants would be built and the city's industrial area would be transformed into a landscape 40 percent green. Implicit in China's promise was the assurance that the IOC

would receive much of the credit. Though Beijing was the obvious not to raise the issue of China's record on human rights. Australia was making its third successive bid, Brisbane and Melbourne having failed to win the 1992 and 1996 Olympics. The Games have only been held previously in Australia at Melbourne in 1956

Sydney emphasized the beauty rights record," said Richard Dicker of its harbor, the diversity of Australia's 140 ethnic cultures and the compactness of its Games, assuri that all athletes and officials would be housed in the same riverside village. Its bid was supported by Greenpeace and other environmental organizations. Sydney will hold of September, its driest month.

Many believed that Britain

might have moved ahead of Australia based on the persuasive speech of Prime Minister John Major of Britain and the impassioned plea of the Manchester director, Bob Scott, who came closest to

confronting Beijing.

"Of each city you must ask yourself, will the Olympic Games be safe in their hands?" said Mr. Scott. Will the Olympic Games shine in that city?" By a measure of two votes, the

IOC put its trust in Sydney.

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# In Sydney, the skyline and the opera house were set alight by the fireworks of celebration as the announcement was made in Monte Carlo. A Ryder Cup Full of Spice

By Leonard Shapiro

SUTTON COLDFIELD. England A delicious dollop of controversy was on the Ryder Cup menu Thursday, the day before the first two rounds of matches began between the elite 12man teams of American and European players. And it added a pinch of spice to an aiready contentious competition that most of the participants regard as the fifth major championship of golf.
I Tom Watson, the U.S. captain, startied it at a black-tie dinner Wednesday night for 800 honoring the two teams, when he asked his players not to sign any autographs and personally told

Scotland's Sam Torrance, playing in his seventh Ryder Cup, that he would follow the same policy and not sign Torrance's menu. "I guess I started a little bit of a flap," Watson volunteered this morning as he headed onto the course to watch his team's final practice rounds. "We had decided not to sign autographs, but people kept crowding around the table, people in tuxedos. It

was a feeding frenzy. I wanted them," the players, "to be relaxed and enjoy "I told Sam we'd be happy to sign anything just collect the menus and we'll take them to the team room and do it there. I guess I got a few people

Torrance said Thursday morning he was "too angry to talk about it. I'll show them tomorrow how I feel. It's simply added more fuel."

Watson issued a formal apology to Torrance and the European team. "I apologize for any bad feelings I may have created over this," he said. "I thought last night, with 800 people there, if we started signing autographs, it would spoil the event, spoil the eve-

ning for my players."
Later he said, "Maybe I'm taking

nard Gallacher, insisted he considered the banquet faux pas a "small incident. Sam was a little embarrassed. If this is the worst incident, I'll be happy. Tom has already apologized profusely. As far as our European team is concerned, it shouldn't be blown up. Tom has said it's a misjudgment. I accept that." Later in the day, Torrance apparent-

had, too. "Oh no, it's nothing at all, it was no problem," he insisted. "He was looking

after his team. He's being a good cap-All of this will start to be settled Friday morning on the golf course when the first of the four alternate-shot matches will be contested over the 7,177-yard (6,562-meter), par-72 Brab-

azon course that has been used for two previous Ryder Cup matches and has not been kind to the American side. Both teams will trot out their strongest players in the morning. The first match will pair Wadkins and Corey Pavin against Torrance and England's Mark James. PGA champion Paul Azinger and his pal Payne Stewart will take on lan Woosnam and Langer, the Masters champion; Tom Kite and Ry-der Cup rookie Davis Love will team against Spain's formidable Seve Balles-teros and José María Olazábal, with a a

best-ever 9½ Ryder record as a team; and Floyd and Fred Couples will take on Faido and Scotland's Colin Mont-The Americans will leave U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen on the sidelines in the morning, along with John Cook, Jim Gallagher and Chip Beck. The Enropeans will go without Barry Lane, Constantino Rocca, Peter Baker and Joakim Haeggman, all first-time par-ticipants. Both captains will determine

this too personally, but I'm really up- morning matches, though many of the same players are expected to partici-The European team's captain, Ber- pate in the four best-ball matches

This is probably the easiest decision to make," Watson said of his pairings. "We haven't seen the players under the heat yet. It's such a quick and short match over three days, you go with the players who are playing best. Both teams have done exactly the same thing. The strongest teams are together in the first matches."

They are not playing on a particular-ly challenging golf course, one that may be the most American-style, manicured layout in all of England, Floyd said the lace reminded him of many courses he's seen in the Midwest and "that's gonna make for a lot of birdies." Heavy rain over the last 10 days has

made fairways and greens soft, taking away the roll but making pins easy targets. The rough is essentially non-

The most intriguing holes are the 10th and 18th. On No. 10, a 267-yard par 4, players can either lay up with a short from or risk going for a green protected by water in front. In practice rounds, most have aimed for the green, and decisions over the next three days will be dictated by conditions and the standings of the matches. The 18th is a brutish 474-yard par 4,

with a tee shot through a chute of trees toward a hole that doglegs right to left, with trouble all around. There is water down the left side all the way to the green, with a bunker on the right 270 yards from the tee. The ideal shot is down the left side, but most players will be forced to use a middle-iron to get home to a massive 60-yard three-tiered

This is not the sort of hole anyone wants to face in this sort of pressure packed competition, not with a match, not to mention pride and country, on their afternoon lineups following the



Seve Balesteros could have teamed up with himself as he crossed a bridge at the Belfry.

#### SIDELINES

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## FIFA, UEFA Meeting on Marseille

ZURICH (AP) — The heads of the governing bodies for international and European soccer will meet Monday to discuss the possibility of further sanctions against Olympique Marseille.

FIFA said Thursday its president, João Havelange, and its general form the contraction of the possibility of the contraction of the possibility of the contraction of the possibility of the poss

rira said Thursday its president, Joan Havelange, and its general secretary, Sepp Blatter, will meet Monday with their counterparts from UEFA, Lennart Johansson and Gerhard Aigner, "to discuss the international consequences of the decisions passed by the French Football Federation" against the scandal-rocked Marseille team.

The federations stripped Marseille on Wednesday of its 1993 French league with house of the football for the federations stripped Marseille on Wednesday of its 1993 French

league title, barred the team's former general manager, Jean-Pierre Bernès, indefinitely from the sport and suspended three players accused of match rigging.

#### For the Record

Mike Studee, the U.S. shot-putter facing a lifetime ban after testing positive for anabolic steroids, denied taking the banned substances and

said he will appeal for reinstatement.

(AP)

The 1993 LPGA Matchplay Championship, which was to feature 32 of
the LPGA's and the Japan LPGA's best golfers, was canceled when the
main sponsor withdrew, officials said in Honolulu.

(AFP)

• Kirby Puckett of the Minnesota Twins, on home life with his wife, Tonya: "Catfish is my usual contribution if Tonya asks me to cook. Unfortunately, she doesn't like fried catfish, but I think of that as her

# Coutts Regains Yacht Lead As Holmberg Upsets Baird

PERTH, Australia - Defending champion Russell Coutts of New Zealand regained the lead Thursday in near-perfect conditions on day three of the world match racing yachting championship.

With 11 victories from 14 races, Courts took over when he beat Bertrand Pace by just one second after trailing the Frenchman down the leg of the course in a race where the lead changed several

The third day of the champion-ship also produced an upset when 10th-placed Magmis Holmberg of Sweden beat the overnight leader. Ed Baird of the United States, on the Swan River course. Baird fell back to second place

with 10 victories, ahead of En-

gland's Eddie Warden-Owen with

Seven skippers have a chance of making Saturday's semifinals with only four elimination rounds left before the cut. The final is on Sun-Fourth place was shared by Dutchman Roy Heiner and Pace,

who have eight victories each.

Also in with a chance of semifinal places are Australia's Peter Gilmour, a former world champion. and New Zealander Rod Davis. Davis said at the end of the third

day's races: "Peter and I have our backs against the wall, every race is a must-win situation tomorrow."

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#### **OBSERVER**

# **Searching for Mediocrity**

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Everybody talks about diversity, but what do we know about it except that it's good? That's why President Clinton wants a government made up of people as diverse as the United States. A government as diverse as all America would be good: so

runs the season's wisdom. Yet how many know that one of the early advocates of diversity in government was mocked and ridiculed, especially by progressive people, for speaking out in favor of this principle now so widely admired,

especially by progressive people?
I refer to Senator Roman L. Hruska, a Nebraska Republican during the Nixon administration. When President Nixon nominated Judge G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court, liberal Democrats objected that, among other things, Carswell was too "mediocre" to deserve a seat on the highest court.

Hruska titillated all humanity by asking why mediocrity should be a disqualification for high government position. In a nation that cherished "the average man" -- another way of saying "human medi-ocrity" — mediocre people were entitled to have one of their own on

the court, he argued.

Poor Hruska. The hoots and jeers of all good people — as good people were defined in that blighted America of a generation ago — were deafening. Such is the fate of all who are right too soon. (Carswell's nomination, incidentally, was defeated, and the Supreme Court seat finally went to Harry Blackman.)

Why doesn't President Clinton try to enrich the diversity of his government by choosing a few me-diocre people for high office? It's hard to say. He may assume that many among the diverse variety he has appointed will, without much fuss, just naturally contribute me-

diocrity galore.

That's what usually happens among most presidents' appointees, so maybe Clinton thinks, "Why waste energy making a house-tohouse search for appointees medio-cre enough to be role models for every C student between Hawaii and West Musquash, Maine?"

Still, by making no showoff effort to install a single mediocrity in his official family, the president

Europe

leaves himself open to the suspi-cion that he still clings to the discredited belief in "excellence."

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The worship of "excellence" began even before Hruska was humiliated for urging diversity in govern-ment. It was an idea sold by Admiral Hyman Rickover after Sovict science put a satellite in Earth orbit ahead of the United States. Rickover, famous for promoting the nuclear submarine, poured it on American education for graduating a lot of minnies and gnaded everyone to pursue "excellence." That's why it's been practically impossible ever since to survive the day without hearing somebody talk about "ex-

In the three decades since Rickover urged our educators to march under the banner of "Excellence!" public education has . .

Well, never mind that, we're not talking calamity today, just diversi-ty. About education, simply note that it reached its present condition while being inspired by three decades of public oratory about the nation's solemn devotion to "excel-

Had Clinton made a conscious effort to include mediocrity in his diverse government, civilized people would surely sleep a little better. It might have been a signal that some-body in power finally recognized that we were deceiving ourselves all those years by paying lip service to "excellence" while the kids were buying pistols for the schoolroom.

"Diversity," alas, has the faintly false ring of another fashionable cant word. Can it be just another, more up-to-date way of saying "ex-

"Diversity" — the word invites us to suppose that by searching the full American spectrum for government talent, the president has picked from a richer pool than his predecessors. In short, that there will be more

excellence" than ever. Here in the ruins of several institutions that once worked at least passably well, maybe we are justified in wondering if Rickover wasn't wrong from the outset about excellence. Excellence can be brutally hard to achieve for all but the blessed few. Maybe it wasn't excellence the country needed. Maybe it was just competence.

New York Times Service

# New Version: A 'Streetcar' Named Entire

By Kenneth Turan

Los Angeles Times Service
OS ANGELES — Of the great American films — and make no mistake, it belongs in that group — "A Streetcar Named Desire" remains one of the most misunderstood, underappreciated and surprisingly forgotten. All that, however, is about to change.

Released to great acclaim in 1951, nominated for a dozen Oscars and winner of four, including acting awards for Vivien Leigh, Kim Hunter and Karl Malden, this Elia Kazan-directed version of Tennessee Williams's Pulitzer Prize-winning play has been seriously slighted in the intervening years, despite a lead performance by Marion Brando that is little less than epochal.

In a critical world increasingly obsessed with visual mastery, "Streetcar's" literary and theatrical origins have been held against it, and the fact that new prints were last struck in 1957 has obscured the cinematic strengths of virtuoso cameraman Harry Stradling's atmospheric black-andwhite cinematography.

Also, "Streetcar" has always been a film with an asterisk attached to it. For the content of Williams's brilliant play was considered so risque that the film version was censored twice before it made it to the

The shooting script was toned down by Williams and Kazan following monumen-tal struggles with the Breen Office, the enforcers of the industry's moralistic Production Code. Then, just before its opening, threats of a boycott from several Catholic organizations led to cuts in the finished film. Without Kazan's knowledge and to his enormous distress, Warner Bros. approved a dozen changes, taking out close to four minutes of film, key moments never to be seen again. Until now.

Discovered in 1989 by Michael Arick (then Warner Bros. director of preserva-tion and now a private consultant) in a vault in Los Angeles sharing space with bargain-basement Westerns and exploitation pictures, those critical last-minute deletions have been restored to "Streetcar" and the first new prints in decades struck.

With the world premiere of what Warners is calling the director's cut of "Streetcar" beginning a 10-day run in Los Angeles Oct. 1, several things are appar-ent. First, the restored footage, small though it is, clearly adds a different, more openly sensual tone to the film. But more than that, the new print allows us to recognize that with or without those miss minutes, "Streetcar" was both a landmark in the fight against censorship and perhaps the most thrilling display of ensemble act-

ing in all of American film. A key reason the acting was so good is



Marion Brando and Vivien Leigh in "A Streetcar Named Desire."

that all the members of the cast (with the exception of Leigh, who replaced Jessica Tandy because producer Charles K. Feld-man felt at least one star name was essential) were in the original cast when the play opened on Broadway in December of 1947.

Kazan was the original director as well, and one of the prime movers behind get-ting the 24-year-old Brando, who only three years before had played a 14-yearold in the stage version of "I Remember Mama," to take on the part of Stanley Kowalski on Broadway after both John Garfield and Burt Lancaster had been

But when it came to making the film version, Kazan, who had never made a film from a play he had already directed, wasn't sure he was interested. "It would be like marrying the same woman twice," he

Kazan finally agreed, partly because his wife, Molly, was a longtime Williams fan and partly because of the director's own affection for the writer. "I feel closer to Williams personally than to any other playwright I've worked with," he said. "Possibly it's the nature of his talent—it's so vulnerable, so naked — it's more naked than anyone else's. I wanted to protect him, look after him."

And "Streetcar," which had few film nib-bles despite its Pulitzer Prize because it was considered too hot to put on film, turned out to need a good deal of protection. What happened when the fragile Blanche Dubois visited her sister Stella and Stella's "be comfortable, that's my motto" husband Stanley Kowalski was not a tale for children. And as Joseph Breen, the Production Code's enforcer, wrote to Irene Mayer Selz-nick, the play's producer, "material which may be perfectly valid for dramatization and treatment on stage may be questionable, or even completely unacceptable, when presented in a motion picture."

In a memo to Warner Bros., Breen iden-

tified several problem areas in the play.

One, typical of the attitudes of the time, was what Breen called "an inference of sexual perversion. This principally has ref-erence to the character of Blanche's young husband. . . . There seems little doubt that this young man was a homosexual." Dialogue fixes were used to obscure this,

so that when the husband shoots himself

in the film, it is after Blanche tells him off because he's "weak."

The biggest problem involved the play's pivotal moment, the rape of Blanche by Stanley. Rape of any kind was frowned on by the code, and the one in "Streetcar," which Breen described as "both justified and unpunished," was especially objec-tionable. But here Kazan and Williams, who also wrote the screenplay with adapter Oscar Saul, drew the line, saying it was not possible to eliminate the rape and do

· As Williams wrote to Breen in an eloquent, impassioned letter, their feeling was that "the rape of Blanche by Stanley is a pivotal, integral truth in the play, without which the play loses its meaning, which is the ravishment of the tender, the sensitive, the delicate, by the savage and brutal forces of modern society.

Faced with this, and the possibility that "Streetcar" might try to outflank the Pro-duction Code and film without script approval, Breen indicated the rape might be acceptable if it were punished. So while the play ended with the image of a united family, Williams wrote a new ending for the film, with Stella fleeing to a neighbor's and insisting to her new baby, "We're not going back there. Not this time. We're never going back. Never, never back, never back again." As Murray Schumach wrote in "The Face on the Cutting Room Floor," a history of censorship, "thus the 12-year-olds could believe Stella was leaving her husband. But the rest of the audience would realize it was just an emotional

outburst of the moment."

But Kazan's and Williams's battle with censorship was not over when shooting was completed. The Legion of Decency, the Catholic Church's moral police, was threatening to give the completed "Street-car" a C or condemned rating.

At the invitation of Warner Bros. and working with the film's embarrassed and homified editor, David Weisbart, Martin Quigley, the editor of a movie trade paper and a prominent Catholic layman, made a dozen cuts in the film, telling an amazed Kazan that "constitutional guarantees of freedom of expression are not a one-way street. I have the same right to say that moral considerations have a precedence over artistic considerations as you have to

A C rating was dutifully avoided and a disgusted Kazan noted that Warner Bros. "didn't give a damn about the beauty or artistic value of the picture. . . . It was business, not art. They wanted to get the entire family to see the picture. They didn't want anything that might keep anyone away. At the same time they wanted it dirty enough to pull people in. The whole business was rather an outrage." **PEOPLE** 

Roseanne Arnold Takes Some Fat Jokes in Stride

Roseanne Arnold was roasted by ! the Friars Club in Los Angeles and, guess what, they made fun of her weight. She and husband Tom Arnold, no string bean himself, laughed a lot, even when the come-dian George Wallace set the tone by explaining why Amold did not attend the ceremony where she won a best actress award: "Roseanne wasn't at the Emmys because she heard they were having an all-youcan-eat buffet at Dennys."

In St. Paul, Minnesota, Garrison Keillor kept his barbs gentle when he faced an auditorium full of editors - not his heroes. Speaking to an Associated Press convention, the 51-year-old humorist said: "My only real interest in newspaper work, I discovered in six months, was the chance to stay up late at night, and the chance to hang around with old reporters and try to smoke cigarettes and drink whiskey as expertly as they did."

Geneva's Grand Théâtre has named the French former singer Renée Auphan, 52, as its new director. She currently heads the Lausanne Opera and will take over in Geneva in 1995 when Hugues Gall leaves Geneva to become head of the Paris Opera.

General Colin Powell, retiring chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, won the 1993 Roueld Reagan Freedom Award in Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Taylor, in Toronto to launch a new perfume, was in blunt mode: "I'm sorry I'm late, but if I were skinny and punctual, what would you have to talk about?" When someone asked whether, after eight marriages, she had any advice to share with a newlywed, she said, "Silly girl!"

Andrey Hepburn, who died in January, is being honored with a statue in Arnhem, the Netherlands. where she spent her wartime childhood. A brouze bust will be erected there in January.

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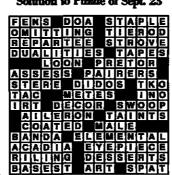
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